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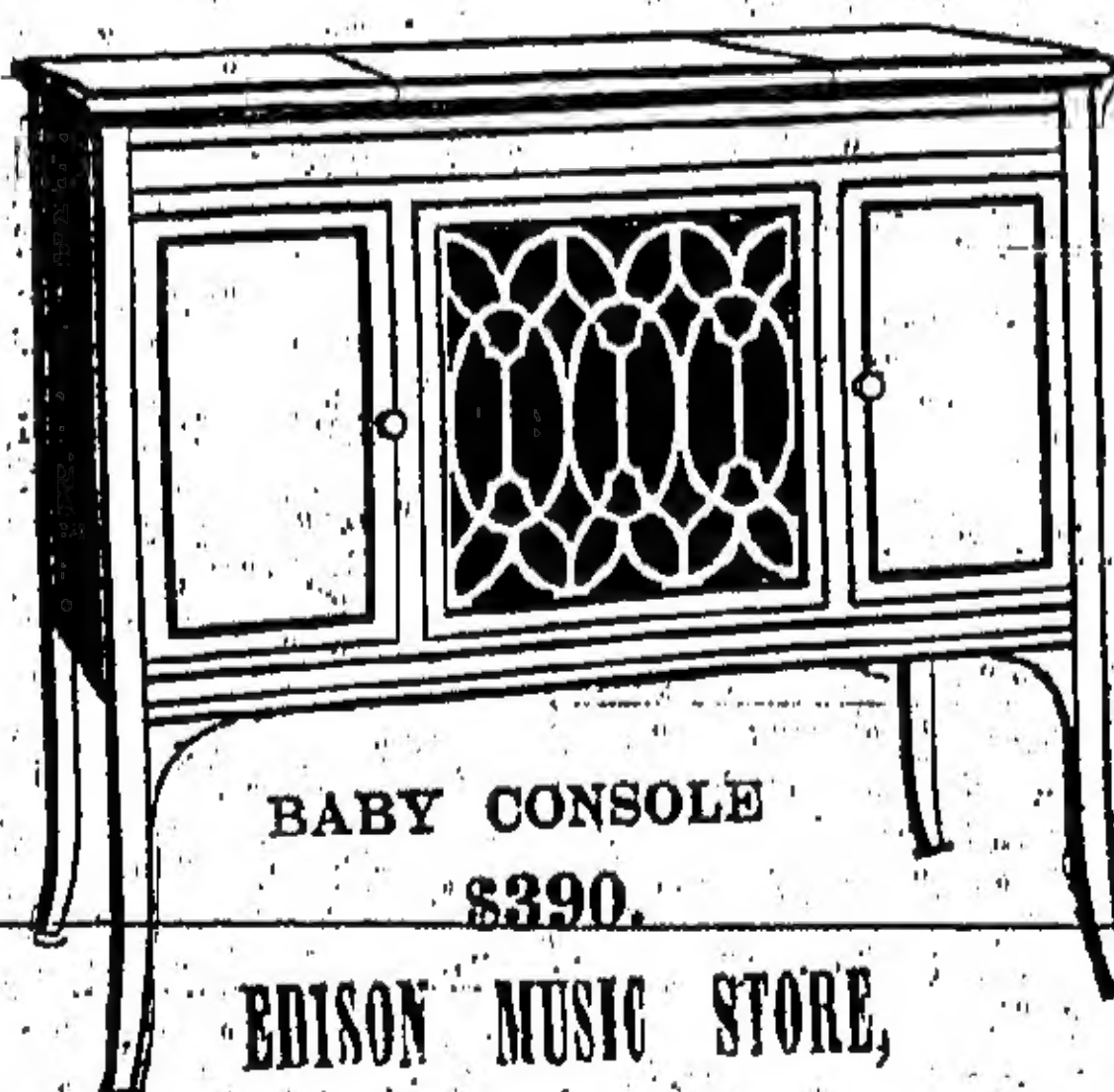
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## CHRONOLOGY OF THE YEAR 1922. AN EVENTFUL YEAR.

A year so full of important and unusual incidents as the one just completed seems to require a slightly different arrangement of our customary chronology of principal events. The incidents of the Seamen's Strike of January, February and March are given in a separate chronology, and in some detail, as it is thought that readers will find interest—a painful interest, perhaps—in refreshing their memories, by means of a "tabloid history," of a critical period. That section of the chronology follows immediately, the more prosaic events of the year follow on, and finally comes a list of piracies which, this year, have been unusually numerous.

### THE SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

#### JANUARY.

- Following private negotiations during the last few months, the Chinese Seamen's Union threaten to strike within 24 hours if their demand for a percentage increase in wages is not granted.
- The shipowners meet and recommend each Company to get in touch with its own crews.
- Some crews strike on the evening of the 12th—it is stated because an attempt was made to take out a vessel secretly.
- The Strike officially declared. The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn tells a Press correspondent that the problems involved will be "dealt with as a matter of office routine."
- Trains to Canton crowded with seamen.
- The Government offers, by proclamation, to appoint arbitrators.
- The men's representatives suggest arbitration.
- Government agrees to arrange arbitration.
- A day of conferences.
- The S.C.A. published a scale of increases ranging from 25 to 10 per cent. (as against the men's demand for 40 to 50 per cent.) and urges the seamen to return to work and await arbitration.
- The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax holds a party at the Seamen's Union.
- The men make a counter proposal of 30 to 50 per cent. increases.
- Mr. A. E. Wood goes to Canton and interviews the Civil Governor.
- Matters thereby put into some confusion.
- The men not returning to work, the shipowners withdraw the proffered "increases" and stand by arbitration.
- Seamen's Union cancel their proposal of the 17th and revert to their original demands.
- The *Kinshan* and *Heungshon* leave for Canton, manned by naval ratings, to get food supplies.
- Return of the *Kinshan* and later, of the *Heungshon*. Failure of the trip: an "absolute boycott" at Canton.
- Special goods train service organised to bring food supplies.

- On a rumour that a scratch crew is being assembled for one ship, the one or two men remaining on each ship withdrawn by the Union. The officers now take meals ashore on "ration cards" from the companies.
- A "Strikers' Bulletin" is published at Canton, where the men are housed in large matchboxes and fed by the local organisations.
- Union official sent to prison for boarding a steamer without permission.
- D. E. Robinson, "the strikers' Irish delegate," sent to prison for a similar offence.
- Some steamers leave port (said to be manned by Shanghai crews taken on board in Junk Bay). A rumour that the railwaymen will strike.
- New proposals by the Seamen's Union: 40 to 50 per cent. increases, an Arbitration Board at Canton and many other conditions, including a demand for payment of wages during the strike.
- Shipowners reply that discussion must be confined to wages.
- The cargo coolies strike, too.
- The tally clerks follow suit.
- Stern warning issued by the Government, against "intimidation" and "sympathetic" strikes.
- Military pickets on the harbour front.

#### FEBRUARY.

- Seamen's Union declared an unlawful society, "not because they have struck for higher pay," but because they "procure" other strikes.
- The Seamen's Union headquarters raided and closed that night.
- Coal coolies' strike called.
- Considerable increases of prices noted in Hongkong and Canton.
- European staffs-unloading vessels.
- The Stevedores' Guild raided.
- Man sentenced for intimidation.
- Some cargo coolies working under police protection.
- U.S. citizens volunteer for constabulary duty. British, Portuguese, and other nationals enrolled as "specials" in large numbers.
- Another intimidator sentenced. Seaman charged with being a member of an unlawful society.
- H.M. Consul-General at Canton notifies that the strikers will negotiate if Union office is opened again.
- H.E. the Governor replies: "Union cannot be reopened."

Mr. G. M. Dodwell, at the annual meeting of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., explains the despatch of the steamers *Kinshan* and *Heungshon* to Canton.

The strikers assemble at Shumchun to prevent with armed force, the transport of food supplies by rail. They carry Chinese soldiers' rifles.

Intimidation at Central Market.

Hongkong Government despatches soldiers and police to the frontier.

Chairman of the Tung Wah Hospital convenes a meeting to try and bring the strike to an end. A conference arranged.

Stevedores' Guild and cargo coolies' and tallymen's guilds proscribed.

Northern crews said to be available.

Seamen's boarding-house keepers visit Canton to try and bring the strikers to reason.

Revised demands as the result: re-instatement of the unions pressed for.

Strikers search all trains from Canton and confiscate all food found.

Export of rice and flour to Canton stopped.

The shipowners agree, at the suggestion of the Government, to renew their offer.

The CHRONOLOGY OF THE YEAR.

#### JANUARY.

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- Arrival of the *Pine Tree State* on her maiden trip.
- Triangular Cricket Tournament concluded. Army, 2 (wins); Navy, 1; H.K.C.C. nil.
- Police Sports at Happy Valley.
- Children's Entertainment at the K.C.C.
- Vaccination Campaign begun.
- Sanitary Board discusses the care of graves at Happy Valley.
- Children's Party at Government House.
- Arrival of H.M.S. *Durban*.
- Death of Mr. D. M. Mackay, of Taikoo Dockyard.
- Mr. G. N. Orme lectures at the Helena May Institute on "The People of China."
- Special meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to arrange for the entertainment of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.
- Mr. C. Gardiner attacked by two Chinese on premises in Ice House Street, St. George's Hall.
- Death of Mr. H. W. Dick.
- Newly-formed Ex-Acquire Service Men's Association adopts a constitution.
- Royal Hongkong Yacht Club's Championship meeting.
- Polo Club Gymkhana.
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- Dedication of the re-built Protestant Church at Macao.
- Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co., Ltd., launch the bulk oil lighter *Delaware*.
- Degree Day at Hongkong University.
- Honorary degrees of LL.D. conferred on Sir Chas. Addis, K.C.M.G. and the Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., O.B.E.
- Church of Our Saviour consecrated at Canton by the Bishop of Victoria.
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- Legislative Council appoints its Standing Committee for the year and sets in motion four new Bills.
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- The Director of Education at Kowloon British School prize-giving. British children being out classed at studies by Chinese and Portuguese.
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- "England" beats "Scotland" at Fanling Golf Course.
- Marriage of Mr. R. A. Green to Miss M. E. Baxter.
- Annual meeting of St. John's Cathedral seat-holders. Electric fans to be installed.

#### MARCH.

- Residue of the hotel staffs and house boys come out. Ladies do the work. Hongkong Hotel and Club run on the cafeteria plan.
- Wiseman's prosecute their bakers for leaving work.
- European office staffs receive threatening circulars and orders to stop work.
- The sympathetic strikers undertake to walk to Canton. They are sent back at the frontier.
- Special constables enrolled. A.S.C. run the abattoirs. Food queues at the shops.
- Huge assemblage of strikers near the Po Hing Theatre, Yau-mai.
- Consul Jamieson comes to Hongkong. It is notified that delegates with full powers are coming from Canton. They arrive.
- Encounter of the police and military with 2,000 strikers on the Shatin Road. Three strikers killed and eight wounded.
- All day conference between the shipowners and seamen, attended by Mr. Jamieson. A difficulty arises over strike pay.
- Strike notices issued by employees' organisations in many trades.
- The conference resumed. Sir Robert Ho Tung facilitates a settlement by a guarantee regarding strike pay.
- Complete agreement reached by afternoon and terms signed by shipowners and seamen.
- Conference between the Government and the seamen's delegates follows.
- Another agreement signed as to the questions between the Government and the seamen—e.g., the re-opening of the Seamen's Union.

- Situation more acute than ever: General strike declared. No trains, the railway stopped and only single sheet newspapers.
- The Seamen's Union and other unions reinstated. Huge crowds watch the return of the signboard from the Central Police Station.
- All persons arrested in connection with the strike released.
- Chinese celebrations of their "victory."
- Daily Press leader on the strike settlement receives general endorsement from the community.
- Shipowners express their thanks to Mr. Jamieson and Mr. Luk King for.
- Public Judicial Inquiry into the shooting at Shatin opened at the Magistracy. Later a verdict is returned of "justifiable homicide," with the rider that the police exercised all possible forbearance.
- Official account of the settlement negotiations published in the *Gazette*.
- Shipowners' account of the strike issued.
- Lung Wo, accused of murdering Leung Yuk Tong, the stevedore who collected strike-breaking crews, is sentenced to death. An appeal to the Privy Council on the ground of a misdirection of the jury is unsuccessful, and, some months later, the prisoner is hanged.

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- Marriage of Mr. R. A. Green to Miss M. E. Baxter.
- Annual meeting of St. John's Cathedral seat-holders. Electric fans to be installed.

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**FEBRUARY.**

- 1.—Extraordinary general meeting of Hongkong Hotel shareholders authorises increase of capital from £2,500,000 to \$5,000,000.
- 2.—Lecture on "Chinese Philosophy" by Mr. Kuo Ping Ho.
- 3.—Kowloon motor bus on fire. Extinguishers to be fitted in future.
- 4.—Enthusiasm for "Ma Cheuk" in Hongkong noted.
- 5.—Death of Sir Henry May, G.C.M.G. at Claker, Suffolk.
- 6.—Death of the Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., O.B.E., LL.D.
- 7.—Annual meeting of Union Church seat-holders.
- 8.—Hamburg-America m.v. *Havelland* arrives—the first German vessel since the war to enter the Port.
- 9.—Death of Mrs. C. Farebrother Mason, solicitor.
- 10.—Engineers and Shipbuilders' Institution Ball.
- 11.—Automobile Association considers the price of petrol.
- 12.—Express train to Canton held-up by 100 armed men in Chinese territory.
- 13.—Trial trip of the new Hongkong Hotel motor coaches.
- 14.—Tea Godown burned out in Canton Road, Kowloon.
- 15.—Extraordinary general meeting of the Dairy Farm Company. Capital increased and amalgamation with Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co. announced.
- 16.—Memorial Service at the Cathedral to the late Sir Henry May. Tribute at the Legislative Council.
- 17.—Cost of Water discussed at Union Waterboat Co.'s annual meeting.
- 18.—Arrival of the transport *Dufferin*, bringing the 102nd K.E.O. Grenadiers.
- 19.—Annual meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. "China's need of Peace, Military Retrenchment and Administrative Reform."
- 20.—Hongkong Jockey Club, Annual Race meeting opened.
- 21.—The Race Meeting. Mr. Birkett's Sunstar wins the Derby.
- 22.—Third Day of the Race Meeting. Mr. Hill, on Allied King, wins the Ladies' Purse and the Champion Stakes.
- 23.—Death of Sir Ellis Kadoorie, a great benefactor of the Colony.
- 24.—Wedding of Mr. H. L. Dennys, solicitor, to Miss Clarke of Taipei.
- 25.—Chinese stevedore murdered on the Prynz, near Statue Pier.
- 26.—Last day of the Race Meeting.
- 27.—Boxing Association meeting. Feather-weight belt goes to Chadwick.
- 28.—Fire tobacco godowns destroyed by a fire at West Point.
- 29.—"Laud in Coronation Road," Kowloon (upset price \$29,400) sold for \$66,000.
- 30.—Vessels in harbour "dress ship" in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Mary. Hongkong St. George's Society sends good wishes.

MARCH.

- 1.—Roup of Race ponies. Highest price realised: \$1,050 for Hongkong Chief.
  - 2.—Annual Exhibition of the Horticultural Society.
  - 3.—Death of Mr. A. H. Crew, solicitor. Special constables fired upon by armed robbers at Homantin.
  - 4.—Death of Mr. Frank Maitland.
  - 5.—Indian Clerk in the Police Department sentenced for defrauding the Government.
  - 7.—Annual meeting of the British Legion.
  - 8.—Annual meeting of the Y.W.C.A.
  - 11.—Visit to Hongkong of the U.S. Minister to China.
- Indications of the beginning of a plague epidemic discussed by the Sanitary Board. Overcrowding problem hampers preventive cleansing of houses.
- 18.—Two Dennis' patent turbine fire engines arrive for the Fire Brigade. Ex-Service Men's Association Dinner. Mr. Mackintosh calls for "a social earthquake."
- 22.—Scheme for the abolition of *New Taxes* announced in the House of Commons. Annual meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association. Housing, trams, buses, the hospital, recreation and the servant problem discussed. Hongkong's Electoral Reform Petition presented in the House of Commons.
- 23.—Full programme for the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales announced. Ordinance passed permitting solicitors to act as barristers, owing to temporary dearth of barristers.
- 24.—First annual meeting of the Anti-Mui Tsei Society. "A spirit of victory" animates the proceedings.
- 25.—Peak Residents' Association formed. The strike and the servant question discussed.
- 29.—Retirement and departure for home of Mr. G. H. Wakeman, Crown Solicitor.
- Completion of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Annex.
- 31.—Intimations of a recrudescence of strikes. Tramwaymen, launchmen, stevedores, tally clerks and native craft lightermen threatening to stop work.
- Fire on the B-1. *as Japan at Kowloon Wharf. Serious damage.*

APR 11.

- 1.—Royal Hongkong Yacht Club's closing Cruise.  
Middleweight Championship decided at the Boxing Association meeting.  
4.—Launch of the oil tanker *Planorbis* at Kowloon Dock.  
6.—Arrival in Hongkong of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on board H.M.S. *Renown*. Presentation of addresses in the Special Pavilion. Reception of Ex-Service men. Prince participates in Polo match. Official Banquet. Fish Procession and the Illuminations.  
7.—The Prince's second day in Hongkong; Inspection of Troops; Stonelaying of St. Stephen's Girls' College; University degree conferred upon the Prince; a Masonic Ceremony; The Royal Gymkhana; Chinese Banquet to the Prince; The Commemorative Ball.  
Rockefeller Foundation's Endowment announced of \$500,000 for Chairs in Medicine and Surgery at Hongkong University.  
8.—The Prince pays an early morning visit to Kowloon and buys Chinese Souvenirs. Departure of the *Itanown* for Japan.  
Farwell at the Volunteer H.Q. to Lieut.-Quarter-Master High, after 18 years with the Defence Corps.  
Hints issued of an increase in telephone charges and possible installation of the automatic system.  
9.—Considerable increase of plague cases reported.  
Death of Sir Patrick Manson, G.C.M.G., F.R.S., M.D., etc., etc., announced. A distinguished investigator of the malarial mosquito (formerly practising in Hongkong).  
11.—Death of Mrs. Arathoon Seth, an old resident of the Colony.  
Royal Artillery Athletic meeting at Kowloon.  
12.—Departure from Hongkong of H.M.S. *Alacrity*, victim of the "Geddes Axe."  
Meeting of local depositors in the Banque Industrielle de Chine to consider proposals of the French Judicial Administrator.  
13.—Kowloon Bowling Green Club vetoes the admission of women.  
Fire on the s.s. *Ada* in Kowloon Bay.  
17.—Charity Ball in the Prince's Pavilion. Men killed in a landslide at Maun-tai-kok.  
19.—Girl Guides give a farewell display before Lady Stubbs.  
Moi Tsai's "Charter of Liberty" issued by Hongkong Government.  
20.—Lady Stubbs and children leave for home by the *Achilles*.  
Departure on retirement of Mr. T. W. Robertson, super-engineer of the Wharf and Godown Co. and Star Ferry Co.  
Annual meeting of the General Chamber of Commerce.  
Annual Inspection of the Volunteers by H.E. the General Officer Commanding.  
21.—Agreement reached in the Lightermen's dispute.  
United States announced between the P. & O. Messageries Maritimes and N.Y.K. to make mail despatch more regular.  
Death of Mr. W. C. D. Turner of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, at Amoy.  
"Annual meeting of the St. George's Society. Mr. R. H. D. Hancock elected Chairman.  
22.—Seventy-seven cases of plague—56 fatal—during the week.  
Queen's College Old Boys' Association Annual Dinner.  
Ex-Service Men's Association gives a fancy dress masked ball in the Prince's Pavilion.  
23.—Fire in the M.B.E. coalyard, Yaumati.  
Mob demonstrations against the police in Yaumati.  
Trouble in Canton. Strained relations between President Sun Yat Sen and Governor Chen Chung Ming.  
4.—Dr. Wu Lien Teh, Director of the Manchurian Plague Prevention Service lectures to University medical students on "The Manchurian Plague of 1920."  
5.—Annual meeting of the Constitutional Reform Association.  
Annual meeting of the local auxiliary of the Bible Society.  
6.—Capt. E. R. G. Evans, C.B., gives his War lecture "The Dover Patrol" at Taikoo.  
Ex-Active Service Men's Association discusses (with favour) the project of a Club and (with disfavour) having its own Company in the Volunteers.  
Laundrymen granted a 30 per cent. increase of wages, and stevedores 22 1/2 per cent.  
8.—Annual meeting of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders.  
9.—Plague epidemic said to be increasing in severity.  
Twentieth annual athletic meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club.  
Local train on the Canton section of the railway robbed and 30 passengers held to ransom.  
20.—Twentieth anniversary of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and extension at Yaumati announced. European Y.M.C.A. for Kowloon also contemplated.
- MAY.
- 1.—Retirement from public life of Mr. Ho Koon Tong. Address by the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak.  
House collapse in Gage Street. One killed and three injured.  
2.—Death of the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak, senior Chinese Unofficial member of the Legislative Council.  
4.—The oil tanker *Petodon* launched at Kowloon Dock for the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co.  
Settlement in the dispute with the tally clerks.  
Chief officer of the s.s. *Kinskan*, stabbed: Outcome of the recent labour troubles.

5.—Inter-school Sports. "No more pot-

- 4.—Inter-school Sports. "No more pot-hunting."
- Annual meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club. The Hon. Mr. Claud Sovern on "chits."
- Judgment given in an important cigar trade-mark action.
- 6.—H.E. Dr. Wellington Koo passes through Hongkong and takes tiffin with H.E. the Governor.
- Appointment of Admiral Sir Arthur Lemay to the China Command announced.
- A Chinese syndicate buys Messers, Alex. Ross & Co.'s old premises. The Oriental Bank to be built.
- Hongkong Hotel's acquisition of a controlling interest in Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., announced.
- 7.—The late Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak's funeral: impressive rites attended by a huge concourse of people.
- Volunteers' Annual Rifle meeting concluded.
- 8.—Proposal for a tramway in Kowloon announced.
- Dr. Francis Clark, a former M.O.H. in Hongkong, lectures to University medical students.
- One and two others injured on H.M.S. Cairo through the accidental discharge of a gun.
- 9.—A case of rinderpest reported.
- Number of plague cases, to date, 536. The 1914 epidemic was three times greater, says the M.O.H.
- 10.—Air mail service for the Far East adumbrated.
- Arrival of the a.s. *Kutsang*, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s fine new vessel.
- 1.—The Hon. Sir Paul Chater offers \$50,000 to endow a Union Church for Kowloon. Difficulties as to a site.
- Proposal to form a Hongkong Shipping Association announced.
- Annual Tennis Tournament concluded.
- 2.—Sir Paul Chater announces that \$50,000 will be held on trust for the British Legion and the Ex-Active Service Men's Association, to commemorate the Prince's visit; the income to be divided between them.
- 3.—Inauguration of the new Club Lusitano in Lehouche Street.
- 4.—Kowloon residents indignant because the police arrest their children and their amahs. "Street obstruction" alleged.
- 5.—Labour Guild demonstration against the deportation from Hongkong of Chan Ping Sang, a leader of the Seamen's Strike, sentenced twelve years' imprisonment in Canton for murdering his wife and afterwards pardoned by Sun Yat Sen. —
- 6.—Chan Ping Sang deported.
- Launchmen present an ultimatum, and threaten to strike in 48 hours.
- H.E. the Governor present war medals to members of the 102nd K.F.O. Grenadiers.
- 7.—The Marquis of Bute passes through Hongkong.
- The Seamen's Union appeals to the Shipowners Committee regarding the deportation of Chan Ping Sang.
- Another strike threatened. But the agitation dies down.
- 8.—Departure on retirement of Capt. T. A. Mitchell, for 30 years with the Indo-China S.N. Co.
- 9.—Chinese firm in Connaught Road Central robbed of \$40,000 by robbers disguised as policemen.
- Launchmen call a strike. Star ferries manned by naval ratings.
- Launch-owners organise an emergency service.
- Death of Mr. J. K. C. McCorquodale of the China Sugar Refinery.
- 1.—Abortive efforts to arrange meetings with the strikers. Men's delegates gone to Canton.
- 2.—New demands issued by the men.
- Non-union men offering for work.
- 3.—Sanitary Board discusses motor-traction.
- 4.—Empire Day. Services at St. John's and the Roman Catholic Cathedral.
- House of Commons discusses the case of Commander Haslewood.
- 5.—Consecration at the Roman Catholic Cathedral of Father Gautier, appointed Bishop of Kwang Chow Wan.
- 6.—Riotous assembly in Macao.
- 7.—Portuguese soldiers fire on the crowd: 34 killed and 31 wounded.
- Settlement reached in the Hongkong launchmen's strike. Men's nine demands dropped. Fifty per cent. increase on wages up to \$10 a month.
- 8.—Rice Coolies' lightning strike.
- Telephone Company announces increased rates from July 1st.
- General Strike of Labour at Macao follows upon the shooting into a riotous crowd the previous day.
- 9.—The magnificent C.P.S. liner *Empress of Canada*.
- Chinese celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival.
- JUNE
- 1.—Bill to extend the Reats Ordinances introduced into the Legislative Council.
- The Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe queries the Telephone Company's proposed increased rates.
- Signs of an impending water shortage. Only 550 million gallons in storage as compared with 2,000 million gallons last year.
- 2.—Arrival of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s new steamer, the *Hosang*.
- Star Ferry Co. resumes the full service after the strike. End of a period of great public inconvenience.
- Hongkong schoolboy held to ransom.
- Unusual Police Court story.
- 3.—King's Birthday Celebrations. Review of Troops by H.E. the Governor, Gymkhana in the afternoon and reception and ball at Government House. Birthday honours: "O.M.C. for Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher and one intended for Mr. Lau Chu-pak had he survived."
- Arrival of Commodore Grace, R.N., Mrs. Grace and the Misses Grace.
- 4.—Graduates' degrees conferred at Hongkong University.
- Canton Provincial Assembly sends a protest to the Macao Government regarding the shooting upon rioters on May 26th.

\$400,000 stolen from the Yokohama Specie Bank in Hongkong.  
 Formation of a "ring" of speculators on land sale.  
 Navy Board discusses seawater, hot-water, or the mains for flushing.  
 Purchase of Commodore and Mrs. Evelyn Smith.  
 Legislative Council. Statement by Government re telephones. The Ordinance renewed.  
 S. Blake, of the Wyndham Hotel, robbed in Wyndham Street. Thief on pursuing Europeans and natives.  
 F. A. da Silva, of the E. E. Enograph Co., saves a would-be suicide in the harbour.  
 Yat-sen threatens General Chen Yung-ming at a meeting of Canton nationalists.  
 "Real estate" sale of the late Sir Ellis Horne's Hongkong estates prices nearly \$350,000.  
 War Memorial unveiled by Mr. G. M. Bernard.  
 Departure of H.E. the Governor for home on holiday. Hon. Mr. Claud Severn to administer the Government.  
 Legislative Council votes, \$93,000 for malaria strike expenses.  
 Explanation of the Telephone Company's claims promised.  
 Yat-sen takes refuge on a warship.  
 General Chen Ching-ming, who was bombarded by Sun Yat-sen's forces.  
 Ordinary meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club rejects a proposed coupon system.  
 Retirement of Mr. W. G. Gifford, China Navigation Company, for 32 years in the Far East.  
 Bombardment of Canton resumed.  
 "Esma" Club inaugurated in Hongkong.  
 Bathing fatalities. Boy Scout and or drowned.  
 Cholera epidemic abating.  
 Water supplies restricted in Hongkong and Kowloon. Kowloon Reservoir very low. Rainfall far below average.  
 Telephone Agreement referred to a special Committee.  
 David's Society formed.  
 English defeat Hongkong in Inter-Club Polo, at Shanghai.  
 Death of H.E. Dr. Wu Ting-fang, China's "Grand Old Man."  
 Hon. Mr. Claud Severn on his way to the Volunteers.  
 Hon. Mr. Gifford on the O.S.K. as "Peking Maru."  
 He invited to inspect the *Egeria*, the new vessel.  
 "Lightning" Robbery, with fatalities, at the Sun Co.'s store.  
 Service in St. John's Cathedral to Field-Marshal Sir Henry Dornham, assassinated in London.  
 C. G. Alabaster retires from the Yangtze with One after a passage as the Chief Justice.  
 "Rhesus," "the largest ship in Hongkong or China," launched at Taikoo Dockyard.  
 S.s. *Lina*, and s.s. *Wing On* wrecked in the harbour.  
 JULY.  
 Indus-Industrielle winding-up petition adjourned for another six months.  
 Parker Ness states the Company's views on the Telephone question.  
 New carriage system authorised for Peak.  
 Active Services Men's Association discusses qualifications for membership.  
 Mission Schools for poor children provided by the Chinese Y.M.C.A.  
 S. Lane, Crawford & Co., Ltd., acquire a controlling interest in Messrs. William Powell, Ltd., extra gymkhana by the Jockey Club.  
 A party of ladies has a narrow escape from drowning at Island Bay. Situation critical. Fighting and bombardment. Railway service suspended.  
 S. *Hoi Sang* fired upon in Canton river.  
 University Council formally accepts Rockefeller Foundation Benefactorship.  
 Government intervene in regard to threatened closing of the Peak Hospital.  
 Waterworks scheme announced. Water from Taimoghan mountain to be brought across the harbour by pipeline.  
 Road passes very near the Colony. Speed and velocity of 60 m.p.h. experienced.  
 A woman lady robbed in Kennedy Road.  
 Corporal F. Goodman, Hongkong Police, wins the Alexandra Commemorative Cup.  
 Shooting outrage on the Praya. Brother of General Chen Ching-ming ordered.  
 General service at St. Paul's Church to Dr. Wu Ting-fang (who was educated at St. Paul's School).  
 Annual meeting of the Alice Memorial Hospital.  
 A boat explodes near the S.S. *Tracy* in Canton river.  
 The tournament at the Peak Club closed.  
 The M.C.L. visitor held up by an armed robber in Kowloon.  
 A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. The Hon. Mr. A. D. Murray's Review. Expiration of the Enemy Aliens Restriction Ordinance announced.  
 Death of Mrs. P. H. Murray.  
 Annual meeting of the Philatelic Society.  
 A fire in the centre of Victoria. Printing works, electricity supply's store and hotel annex destroyed.

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AUGUST.

1.—General extension of the water carrying sanitary system announced to be impossible, pending extension of water supplies.  
2.—Swatow and district overwhelmed by a typhoon and tidal wave. The B.I. s.s. *Gondia* lost with all hands. Other vessels wrecked.  
Bomb outrages in Macao. A night of terror.

3.—Shipowners present a petition to the Legislative Council regarding disposal of shipping control profits. Registration of Persons Bill introduced. Object: to record qualifications for work in times of emergency.  
4.—Local S.P.C.A. appoint an inspector.  
5.—H.M.S. *Magnolia* sinks a junk in Hongkong harbour, in a collision.

6.—The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, in England, announces his intention of developing coal and iron industries in Hongkong and South China.  
7.—Cheung Chau Residents' Association discusses the island's claims on the Government.

8.—Hongkong Government votes 30 tons of rice, \$10,000 and, later, \$50,000 to Swatow Typhoon Relief.  
The Chairman of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce opens a fund (\$50,000 raised).  
9.—Flight of Sun Yat-sen from Canton to Hongkong on board H.M.S. *Albatross*.

10.—The Chief Justice delivers a judgment as to the disposal of accumulated Matilda Hospital funds. Half the surplus for the proposed War Memorial Nursing Home.

11.—Jockey Club approve extensive alterations at the Race Course.  
12.—Chinese delegation to the S.O.A. regarding water restrictions. Government sympathetic but unable to grant greater facilities.

13.—Registration of Persons Bill withdrawn by the Government in view of opposition from the public.  
Special Committee on the Telephone reports that the proposed new rates are too high.  
14.—Telephone Company issues a rejoinder to the Special Committee's report.

15.—Conference of charitable organisations adopts a plan to prevent overlapping. The Rev. G. T. Waldegrave appointed organising secretary.  
16.—*Empress of Australia* arrives and is visited by thousands of residents.

17.—Government plans for extension of ferry services and building of new piers announced.  
Inquiry into an accident in the Naval Yard, in which some workmen were asphyxiated in the submerging tanks of a submarine.

18.—Tender of a Netherlands firm accepted for the Macao Harbour improvement project.  
19.—Mr. Chan Chik-yue appointed Civil Governor of Canton.

20.—Ex-Enemy Aliens' Restriction Ordinance expires.

21.—Arrival of H.M.S. *Deputch* to take the place of H.M.S. *Curler*.  
22.—Death of Mr. Albert Weil, of Messrs. Sennet Freres, jewellers.

23.—Dr. K. H. Digby appointed to the Chair of Surgery founded by the Rockefeller Institute at Hongkong University (see April 7th).

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Mr. D. C. Logan receives the Military Cross in the Council Chamber.  
Government's thanks expressed to Mr. J. E. Joseph for his action in regard to the Peak Hospital.

27.—Annual meeting of the St. Andrew's Society. The Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen elected President.  
28.—Fire at the Peak. Extensive damage to Mr. W. Sinclair's house.  
Marriage of Mr. A. C. Hay to Miss E. M. Williams.

29.—Legislative Council passes the Child Labour Bill.  
\$300,000 missing from the International Banking Corporation's office in Hongkong.  
Grant of a temporary playing pitch near the railway announced at the annual meeting of Kowloon F.C. Victoria Recreation Club annual aquatic sports begun.  
Series of burglaries at Stanley Terrace reported.

30.—Proposal to establish a Special Constabulary Force in Hongkong.  
K.C.C. annual meeting decides on conversion into a limited company.  
Chinese detective fatally shot in an armed robbery in Wing Wo Street.  
31.—Interport cricket practice matches begin.  
Two houses destroyed by fire in High Street (Central district).  
Farewell tiffin to Mr. Tom Wright, of the *China Mail*.  
Retirement of Mr. C. B. Buyers, for 25 years Superintendent of the Peak Tramway.

OCTOBER.  
1.—Government take over the Peak Hospital. Mr. D. K. Blair appointed secretary.  
Chinese Piece Goods Dealers suspend business owing to differences with importers over the form of contract to be used.  
2.—H.E. the Governor received in London by H.E.H. the Prince of Wales. First annual meeting of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association.  
3.—Visit of the U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce (Mr. C. H. Huston).  
Armed Robbery in Prince's Building. Chinese robbery of \$20,000.  
5.—Twelfth anniversary of the Republic of Portugal celebrated by the local Portuguese community.  
6.—The s.s. *Chingwang* which went ashore in the Swatow typhoon of August 2nd, sold by auction for \$17,500.  
Annual meeting of the Hongkong Cricket Club.  
Sir Keith Smith, the Australian aviator, in Hongkong. Discusses commercial aviation for the Far East.  
"To London in eight days."  
7.—*Euwagham* delayed at Canton through the desertion of her crew.  
Close of the lawn bowls season celebrated at Taikeok.  
Vaudeville entertainment at the City Hall in aid of the M.O.L.  
9.—Ladies' Harbour race won by Miss Mollie Groundwater.  
10.—Men's Harbour race won by D. Lyon. Huge haul of morphia and cocaine on the s.s. *Michama Maru*, arrived from London. Defendant, later, fined \$25,000 and sent to prison for six months.  
Sanitary Board discusses Hongkong Hotel plans for a cafeteria.  
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31.—Philharmonic Society revived.  
Hongkong Tramway Company seeks powers to extend the track round the race course.  
Prospectus of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., published. Capital of \$1,000,000 largely over-subscribed in a few days.

NOVEMBER.  
1.—The Chief Justice delivers judgment in the Penning millionaire law suit, which was before the court at intervals for nearly a year.  
2.—Annual Licensing sessions held. Lively discussions at Craigongower C.C. annual meeting.  
Mr. Temple Bovan on Hongkong's failure to support good music.  
Over \$30,000 raised at the annual charity fete at Government House.  
Death of Mr. J. Y. V. Vernon (formerly of Messrs. Vernon & Smyth) in Italy.  
Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson arrives by the s.s. *Karmala*. The flags of two Admirals flying in the Port at the same time.  
5.—Manila Interport Golf team beaten by Hongkong Services team.  
6.—Committee appointed by the Education Board to investigate British education in the Colony.  
"At Home" at the Lusitan Club.  
Chinese schoolboy drowned at the Y.M.C.A. swimming bath.  
8.—Hongkong defeats Manila Interport Golf team by 11 points to nil.  
Golf Club entertains the Manila Golf and Shanghai cricket teams to dinner.  
Departure of Admiral Sir Alexander Duff.  
9.—China Light and Power Co., Ltd., annual meeting: increase of capital proposed.  
Professor Einstein passes through the Colony.  
The *Luen Sheng* aground in the West River.  
10.—The Interport cricket match—Hongkong v. Shanghai—begins.  
Two terraces of houses and a timber yard destroyed by fire at Belcher Street, Kennedy Town. Fire continues for three days.  
Chinese constable, on search duty, shot at Homutun.  
11.—Armistice Day Celebration Cathedral of service, Interport match. Sale of Poppies for charity. Ex-Active Service Men's dinner. British Legion dance.  
Shanghai wins the Interport match.  
13.—Mr. J. A. Fraser appointed Secretary of the Sanitary Board and Assistant Head of the Sanitary Department.  
14.—Return to the Colony of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater.  
Death of Commander R. M. Ramsey, formerly Harbour Master in Hongkong.  
15.—Shanghai defeats the Services.  
16.—Wedding of Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, head of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. in Hongkong and Miss Addie, daughter of Sir Chas. Addis.  
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Interport teams entertained at the Hongkong Club. A memorable gathering.  
18.—Return from leave of H.E. the Governor (Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G.).  
19.—The Macao steamer, *Sui An*, pirated one hour out of Macao on the Sunday trip. Sixty pirates amongst the passengers. Two Indian guards killed and the Captain and officers wounded. A huge haul of booty. The vessel kept cruising about all night.  
20.—The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr presents gold watches on behalf of the B.I. Company to Japanese ships' officers in acknowledgment of help rendered during the fire on the s.s. *Japan*.  
Two Australians sent to prison for smuggling arms.  
21.—Hongkong defeats Shanghai at Interport tennis.  
Sanitary Board discusses the greater risk of malaria in the New Territories.  
22.—Capt. E. R. G. Evans presented, in London, with Lloyd's Gold Medal for bravery at the wreck of the *Hong Moh* last year.  
Government offer a University scholarship for girls.  
24.—Annual meeting of the S.P.C.A. calls for more inspectors for the prevention of cruelty to animals.  
25.—The Chief Justice makes a receiving order against Mr. S. Greenfield on a petition by brokers in connection with speculation in China Provident shares.  
Extraordinary meeting of the China Light and Power Co. results in a poll of shareholders being demanded on the method of raising additional capital.  
26.—Mr. A. B. Stewart wins the Golf Championship against Mr. T. W. Hill (7-5).  
Temperature drops 30deg. within 24 hours to 34deg. F. (on the Peak).  
27.—Rising land values: land at Causeway Bay (upset price \$22,525) sells at auction for \$108,800.  
28.—Pay-Comdr. Ratcliff attacked and wounded in his cabin by a marine who was afterwards sentenced by Naval Court Martial to five years' penal servitude.  
29.—Commission appointed to enquire into the *Sui An* piracy and into existing precautions against piracy. Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. announces its intention to claim against the Chinese Government in connection with the piracy.  
30.—St. Andrew's Ball. Sootmen "fortify" the City Hall (and ask for another one).  
British Postal Agencies in China closed under an agreement reached at the Washington Conference.  
Death of Mr. R. A. Gubbay while on a voyage to the Colony during the month.

DECEMBER.  
1.—S. P. O. Morgan wins the welter-weight championship at the Boxing Association meeting.  
4.—S. P. O. Morgan begins his fightings. Sensational evidence.  
5.—House of Commons discusses Hongkong's multi-trait problem. Local legislation foreshadowed.  
Two U.S. ships' officers sent to prison for smuggling arms.  
S.S. *Shantung* relocated at Swatow after damage in the typhoon in August.  
6.—The *Hoiang* springs a leak and is put aground in the West River.  
9.—H.M.S. *Domedice* arrives.  
10.—St. Vincent de Paul fete for charity.  
11.—Increased Chinese postal rates: question in the House of Commons.  
Bakers' strike begins.  
12.—The *Wamoy* (2,000 tons gross) launched at Taikeok Dock.  
News received of the death at home on November 5th of Major Donald MacDonald, V.D.  
13.—Tennis match between Ng Sze Kwong and Kaahio, the Japanese champion (on a visit to the Colony) won by Kaahio.  
Last public sitting of the Piracy Commission.  
14.—L. E. Haynes, E. A. Enover and W. E. Bennett charged in London with conspiracy to cheat in connection with China company promotions.  
Fire Brigade move into new quarters in Des Vaux Road.  
15.—Police raid and close the Foreign Servants' Guild premises, the Guild having been declared an unlawful society.  
The river steamer *Wah An* crashes into a number of junks off the Praya.  
16.—H.E. the Governor presents a trophy of the Prince of Wales's visit for competition amongst the Boy Scouts of the Colony. Two scouts presented with medals for gallantry.  
18.—Annual meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, held in camera.  
19.—Sir Robert Ho Tung, LL.D., holds a remarkable celebration of his 51st birthday—an important anniversary to the Chinese.  
Sir Robert offers the Government \$100,000 for an industrial home, and Lady Ho Tung offers to provide the Colony with a Dogs' Home.  
20.—Settlement of the Bakers' Strike. Increases of pay of 45 to 15 per cent. granted.  
22.—Virtual settlement of the dispute between importers and the Chinese Piece Goods Guild over the terms of contracts.  
23.—Christmas celebrations.  
24.—A.D.C. present a remarkable production of "The Tempest."  
27.—Large seizure of arms on the *President Jefferson*.  
28.—Mut Tasi Bill introduced into the Legislative Council.  
Humane Society's Certificate presented by H.E. the Governor to Mr. F. L. Silva for saving life (see June 19th).  
Investiture of Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher with the C.M.G.  
American "All Star" baseball match.  
29.—Kowloon Dock Ball.

A LIST OF PIRACIES.  
Occurring in or near Hongkong waters between December 15th, 1921, and December 14th, 1922.  
1921.  
Dec. 15.—China Merchants s.s. *Kwangyee* pirated on the high seas.  
20.—The West River str. *Wu Sun* looted.  
1922.  
Jan. 6.—Piracy in Hongkong harbour of a sampan.  
14.—Vessel fired upon in Junk Bay from a "mysterious" junk.  
26.—Fishing junk stolen by pirates from Pato. Two children kidnapped.  
Feb. 6.—Boatwoman robbed in the harbour by three men.  
Apr. 18.—Chinese fishing boat pirated near Sha Chow Island (in Chinese waters). Junk towed away; girl aged six and youth kidnapped.  
May 1.—Pirates at Deep Bay steal fishing boat and take crew prisoners into Chinese territory.  
8.—Murderous proceedings in Deep Bay. Body slain in two. Four men arrested and hanged.  
22.—The s.s. *Wu Sun* again pirated near Ping Hoi (Chinese territory). Pirates amongst passengers kill one guard and wound others.  
June 6.—Steam launch *Sun On*. Passengers lost vessel.  
July.—Steamer plying between Hongkong and Hoksam pirated. Eight men held to ransom.  
15.—Trading junk pirated by ten men off Samshipo.  
Aug. 1.—S.S. *Sui Yik* pirated at Sam Kok.  
*Kwong Wo* and *Ting Ming*, both British vessels, pirated on the last trip to Samshui up the West River.  
10.—Steam launch *Lai Fat*, towing a lighter, held up by pirates at Sai Ma Ling village. Rice worth \$25,000 stolen.  
30.—Two armed robbers pirate a fishing boat at the T.K.K. coal docks, Yau-mai.  
Oct. 4.—Steam launch *Sun On* pirated at Wong Chuk for the second time this year (see June 6th).  
8.—Fishing boat visited by another vessel from Capsimur, and pirated by three armed men.  
31.—Fishing junk in Chinese waters, near Hongkong fired upon by a three-masted junk. A girl wounded. Nine pirates rob the vessel.  
Nov. 10.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s s.s. *Sui An* pirated while returning from Macao to Hongkong on a Sunday excursion.  
24.—Hongkong fishing junk boarded by 13 armed pirates in Pinghoi Bay—who afterwards went ashore at Kip Shok.



## KOWLOON DOCK COMPANY BALL.

ANOTHER HUGE SUCCESS.  
A BEAUTIFUL BALLROOM SCENE.

The annual ball held by the staff of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. last night proved to be a great success. The ball was held in the moulding loft of the Dockyard, though it looked very unlike a moulding loft last night, for it was decorated in most artistic fashion to represent a woodland scene by moonlight. Huge branches of baobab hung down from the ceiling, and cunningly screened behind them were a number of arc lamps. The light from these was softened by the foliage, and, shining through the leaves cast mottled shadows on the floor, looking for all the world like the floor of some woodland glade at the time of a harvest moon. Around the walls at regular intervals were red Chinese lanterns which shed a subdued glow for the dancers to dance by, and toned down the colours of the Indian dresses with charming effect. At one period of the evening, a spot light was thrown on to the gathering, flitting from face to face like a will of the wisp dancing in a Yorkshire fen.

The dancing floor itself was well nigh perfect, as indeed it had every right to be, for coolie women had been at work polishing the newly placed wood for days before the ball. The floor, too, was a spacious one, and in spite of the huge number of guests, never at any time was there the least suggestion of crowding. The entrance to the hall was flanked on each side by a brilliant "Broadway" sign bearing the dates of the company's existence, from 1865 to 1922. On either side of the doorway were the cloakrooms, and the doorways from these opened right into the ballroom (though one might easily have imagined it to be a country scene in England on a midsummer's eve). At the other end of the room was the bandstand, where the Band of the King's Regiment discoursed music for the dancers, soft and sensuous, or loud and jazzy, as the dance demanded.

Beyond the bandstand was the supper room, very different in its decorative scheme to the ballroom. The ceiling was provided by a huge, convex dome, worked in cloth with every colour in the rainbow. Brilliantly coloured electric lights were clustered around and in the centre, while gaily shaded lamps and ribbons festooned the walls. At the top end of the room was another "Broadway" sign, even larger and more brilliant than those at the entrance. This depicted the Company's flag and initials, cleverly worked out so that first of all the bare outline of the flag itself appeared in the form of running white lights; then the red cross on the flag printed itself in, and finally the letters "H.W.D.C." On the

walls of the supper room were hung the pictures of nine old employees of the firm, most of them, unfortunately, dead.

The gentlemen responsible for decorations were Mr. F. C. Coleman, who was in charge of all the lighting arrangements, and Messrs. G. Duncan, W. Greig, and D. Keith.

The general committee in charge of the arrangements was as follows:—Messrs. D. Keith, president; G. Duncan, vice-president; J. Smyth, hon. treas.; W. Forsyth, hon. sec.; and Messrs. A. Simpson, D. McL. Neilson, G. Cuthill, W. Johnstone, and W. Hedley.

An excellent menu was provided for the supper. The table was presided over by the Chief Manager of the Company, Mr. R. N. Dyer, whilst among other well known people present there were:—Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bernard; Mr. and Mrs. E. Cook; Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Cluud Severn; Dr. Forsyth; Hon. Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Lang; Mr. and Mrs. Cameron; Mr. and Mrs. J. Read; Hon. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Stephen; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clarke; Commr. and Mrs. Beckwith; and Mr. and Mrs. R. Sutherland.

The dance programme comprised 24 dances, five being supper dances, and included besides waltzes, foxtrots, and one-step, the lancers, calcedonians and eight-some reels.

THE "SUI AN" PIRATES.  
REPORTED CAPTURES.

It is reported from Canton that the Chinese authorities have succeeded in capturing upwards of a score of the pirates who looted the *Sui An*, including a man who is alleged to have disguised himself as a woman for the purpose of the piracy. He had been shot in the shoulder and is said to have since died in prison.

We learn that the Hongkong police have received no confirmation of these reports.

## ARMED ROBBERIES.

## WOMAN STABBED BY A ROBBER.

After a few days' lack of news of armed robbers they have become active again. Three cases were reported to the Police on Thursday. In the first case a woman named Leung Ho, living in Third Street, West Point, was attacked by a robber at nine o'clock on Thursday night whilst she was lying asleep in her bed. She was awakened by the man grabbing her by the throat. She struggled violently and was stabbed on the head with a dagger. When the man had overpowered her, he removed from her wrists two rattan gold mounted bangles. He afterwards broke open a box and stole \$100 in cash.

When the police were called to the scene the woman was in an exhausted condition owing to loss of blood. She was dazed and was only able to give a hazy account of the affair. She is now in hospital and her condition is said to be grave.

The other robbery occurred at Sai Wan Ho, a grocer's shop, in Main Street, being entered by two armed men at 9.35 p.m. The accountant, who was standing behind the counter with his fork, was ordered at the point of the revolver not to move. He did not obey the order, however, but ran to the rear of the shop. One of the armed men came behind the counter, whilst the other took up the duties of guard at the door. The man behind the counter broke open several drawers and collected \$30 in cash. The robbers escaped.

## ARMED TO THE TEETH.

## MAN IN QUEEN'S ROAD WITH FIVE REVOLVERS.

A gun-running exploit by a Chinese was abruptly terminated in Queen's Road Central, on Thursday evening, by an alert Chinese *lukung*. The constable was on duty near the old fire station when he noticed a Chinese strolling along the road as if he owned it. The man was wearing a long coat and looked fat and prosperous. Thinking that his appearance was strange and his chest too expansive in comparison to the rest of his body, the constable accosted and examined the man. His alertness was well rewarded. In the suspect's breast pockets he found three revolvers, and strapped to his back were two more. The gun-runner was taken to the Central Station where the weapons were found to be of a German make, of a large and powerful pattern, similar to the Mauser pistol.

Needless to say the gun-runner was found accommodation in the police cells and in due course he will appear before the Magistrate on a charge of unlawful possession.

## THE LOCAL YARN MARKET.

Messrs. Polistwalla & Kotwall, cotton and yarn brokers, in their latest circular, say:—

Since our last report on November 20th our yarn market has not undergone any material change and in the absence of inquiry from consuming districts, local buyers do not show inclination for purchases on a big scale, but are satisfying their immediate requirements in small lots, at ruling rates.

Recent moderate demand from Yunnan market has resulted in the sale of about 2,000 bales in best chops of No. 10s. and 12s. yarn, at an advance of \$1 to \$3. The very heavy drop in Rupee Exchange has made the position of foreign dealers most difficult in parting with their holdings, as local prices have not improved in comparison with this decline in exchange, but as all foreign dealers are fully capable of holding their stocks until prices show a substantial improvement the tendency at the close has remained steady. Total sales 4,000 bales; unsold stock 10,000 bales; bargains 10,000 bales; arrivals 8,000 bales.

Shanghai.—The most notable feature is, that the Indian yarn, which had been so largely operating in Shanghai market for more than 35 years, has been completely wiped out by the daily increasing production and the most competitive prices offered by the local mills. Since last month there has not been a single bale of Indian yarn in stock in Shanghai, and unless some most abnormal changes occur, there is hardly any chance of the importation of Indian yarn in Shanghai in future. Business in local mills yarn continues on a moderate scale with slight improvement in prices.

Japanese Yarn.—Owing to the present low rates as compared with those ruling in Japan, holders are waiting for higher prices; hence business in this yarn, during the whole interval, had been very limited (and the latest quotations are as under:—300 bales, Nagasaki No. 20s. at \$100; 100 bales 30s. at \$108; 100 bales 40s. at \$110; 100 bales 50s. at \$112; 100 bales 60s. at \$114; 100 bales 70s. at \$116; 100 bales 80s. at \$118; 100 bales 90s. at \$120; 100 bales 100s. at \$122; 100 bales 110s. at \$124; 100 bales 120s. at \$126; 100 bales 130s. at \$128; 100 bales 140s. at \$130; 100 bales 150s. at \$132; 100 bales 160s. at \$134; 100 bales 170s. at \$136; 100 bales 180s. at \$138; 100 bales 190s. at \$140; 100 bales 200s. at \$142; 100 bales 210s. at \$144; 100 bales 220s. at \$146; 100 bales 230s. at \$148; 100 bales 240s. at \$150; 100 bales 250s. at \$152; 100 bales 260s. at \$154; 100 bales 270s. at \$156; 100 bales 280s. at \$158; 100 bales 290s. at \$160; 100 bales 300s. at \$162; 100 bales 310s. at \$164; 100 bales 320s. at \$166; 100 bales 330s. at \$168; 100 bales 340s. at \$170; 100 bales 350s. at \$172; 100 bales 360s. at \$174; 100 bales 370s. at \$176; 100 bales 380s. at \$178; 100 bales 390s. at \$180; 100 bales 400s. at \$182; 100 bales 410s. at \$184; 100 bales 420s. at \$186; 100 bales 430s. at \$188; 100 bales 440s. at \$190; 100 bales 450s. at \$192; 100 bales 460s. at \$194; 100 bales 470s. at \$196; 100 bales 480s. at \$198; 100 bales 490s. at \$200; 100 bales 500s. at \$202; 100 bales 510s. at \$204; 100 bales 520s. at \$206; 100 bales 530s. at \$208; 100 bales 540s. at \$210; 100 bales 550s. at \$212; 100 bales 560s. at \$214; 100 bales 570s. at \$216; 100 bales 580s. at \$218; 100 bales 590s. at \$220; 100 bales 600s. at \$222; 100 bales 610s. at \$224; 100 bales 620s. at \$226; 100 bales 630s. at \$228; 100 bales 640s. at \$230; 100 bales 650s. at \$232; 100 bales 660s. at \$234; 100 bales 670s. at \$236; 100 bales 680s. at \$238; 100 bales 690s. at \$240; 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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.**  
NOTICE.  
ON MONDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1923, all Departments will be closed.  
The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. and 6 P.M. to 7.30 P.M.  
A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, 29th December, 1922. [2004]

A DANCE will be held at the SHAMBAH'S Institute for Officers of the MERCHANT MARINE and their Friends on MONDAY NEXT, JANUARY 1st, at 8.30 P.M.  
Tickets at Door—\$1.00. [2007]

**THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO.**  
(1918), LTD.  
NOTICE OF CALL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Call of \$2.50 per Share has been made upon all Members holding shares, and that such Call will be payable to the Bankers of the Company, THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION at Hongkong, on the 2nd DAY OF JANUARY, 1923.  
For THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LTD.  
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.  
Hongkong, 14th December, 1922. [2003]

## TO LET.

## FURNISHED HOUSE.

A Modern well situated RESIDENCE consisting of dining room, drawing room, sitting room, lounge hall, four bed rooms, three bath rooms, flush closets, wide verandahs, with uninterrupted view of the harbour, is to let to European for about ten months from February Next.  
Apply Box 2014, c/o Daily Press Office.  
[2014]

**THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.**  
NOTICE OF REDEMPTION OF DEBENTURES.

REDEMPTION of 1,257 (One thousand two hundred and fifty seven) DEBENTURES being the balance of an issue of 1,500 (One thousand five hundred) Debentures of \$500 (Five hundred Dollars) each, carrying interest at the rate of 6% per annum issued by the above-named Company on the 1st day of January, 1920.  
TAKE NOTICE that the above-named Company will in pursuance of the power reserved to it by clause 2 of the conditions endorsed on the Debentures of the above series redeem the whole of the 1,257 (One thousand two hundred and fifty seven) Debentures with-out exception (such Debentures being Bearer Debentures) at the expiration of six months from the date of this notice that is to say on the 30th DAY OF JUNE, 1923, at which date all principal and interest then due will be paid to the persons, Companies or Corporations respectively, presenting and surrendering the Debentures in question with the coupons representing interest due to the 30th day of June, 1923, and subsequent interest to the Company's bankers, the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Victoria Hongkong.  
Date: this 30th day of December, 1922.  
By Order of the Board,  
WALTER J. HAWKES, Secretary.  
[2008]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

**OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.**  
AND  
**CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.**

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamers "THESEUS"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 29th December. Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and Noon within the free storage period. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th Jan., will be subject to rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 16th Jan., or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, 29th December, 1922. [2006]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

**AMERICAN & ORIENTAL LINE.**  
FROM NEW YORK.

## THE Steamship

"COPENHAGEN"  
Sailed 30th October, 1922, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the "Hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd." at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, all Goods remaining undelivered after 8th January, 1923, will be subject to rent. All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before 16th January, 1923, or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on the 8th January, 1923, at 9.30 A.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE, LTD., General Agents.  
Hongkong, 29th December, 1922. [2012]

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

I have TO-DAY REMOVED my Office to No. 1, DUNDRELL STREET.  
B. REIF.  
30th December, 1922. [2012]

## NOTICE.

WE have authorised Mr. JOHN FLEMING, Chartered Accountant, to sign our Name as a Partner in our Firm in Hongkong as from this date.  
LOWE, BINHAM & MATTHEWS.  
Hongkong, 30th December, 1922. [2013]

## BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1919, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, the 1st January, 1923.  
Hongkong, 27th December, 1922. [1991]

## THEATRE ROYAL

## A. D. C.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION OF SHAKESPEARE'S  
"THE TEMPEST."

SATURDAY, Dec. 30th, 9.15 P.M.  
MONDAY, Jan. 1st (New Year's Day), 9.15 P.M.  
TUESDAY, Jan. 2nd, 9.15 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3rd (Matinee), 5.15 P.M.  
Booking now at MOUTRIE'S.  
Prices as Usual. [1833]

## DANCING.

PALACE HOTEL,  
KOWLOON.

BY kind permission of Capt. C. S. BENNING, R.N., D.S.O., The popular JAZZ QUARTET of H.M.S. TILANIA will play at the above Hotel on SATURDAY, 30th, Dancing 9 P.M. [1907]

## THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

## NOTICE.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.  
OLD COURSE—FANLING.

A Running Buggy Pool Competition for Men will be held over the New Year Holidays, December 30th, December 31st, 1922, and January 1st, 1923.  
THE MAIN CLUBHOUSE AT FANLING WILL BE OPEN TO LADIES ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.  
PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING, Secretaries & Treasurers.  
[1999]

## NOTICE.

KELLY & WALSH, LTD., beg to inform their Customers that Mr. V. C. LAMBERT is no longer connected with their Company, he having resigned his position as Printing Department Manager as from 31st December, 1922.  
This opportunity is taken to inform the Public that our Representative, Mr. W. J. MCKELLY, will be pleased to call for Printing Orders of any description, our Printing Department now being replete with Machinery and Equipment of the latest pattern.  
KELLY & WALSH, LTD.,  
A. E. GLOVER, Manager.  
TELEPHONES:  
Central 185, Town Office.  
1916, Printing Dept.

## INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL.

ENGLAND "THE REST."

## NEW YEAR'S DAY

## HAPPY VALLEY.

KICK OFF ... .. 4 P.M. [1992]

## START THE

## NEW YEAR

WELL!

Join the ranks of Hongkong's Discriminating

Smokers, by securing your Supplies at the

HONGKONG CIGAR STORE.

ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

Everything for the smoker. [185]

## HOUSE FOR SALE AT PEAK.

FOR SALE, either together (suitable for a Mess), or separately, with early possession, Nos. 2 and 3, STREWART TERRACE, PEAK.  
Apply to H. E. POLLOCK, Prince's Buildings. [1956]

## TO LET.

ONE Large OFFICE ROOM in F OWELL BUILDING.  
Apply  
LANE, CRAWFORD, LTD. [1994]

## INTIMATIONS

## NOTICE.

WE have THIS DAY authorized Mr. T. UDA to sign the Firm.  
K. KIMURA & CO.  
Hongkong, 25th December, 1922. [1988]

## NOTICE.

PROF. DANENBERG will resume his PIANO LESSONS from JANUARY.  
1, ALBERT ROAD. [1996]

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE have THIS DAY REMOVED our Office to ALEXANDRA BUILDING, 2ND FLOOR.  
SILVA-NETTO & CO.  
Hongkong, 29th December, 1922. [2001]

## NOTICE.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.  
THE Registered Office of the above Company has THIS DAY been REMOVED from Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Building to "UNION BUILDING," PEDDER STREET, HONGKONG.  
C. MONTAGUE EDE, General Manager.  
27th December, 1922.

## NOTICE.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.  
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## DAIRY FARM NEWS.

## ICE CREAM.

WE hereby beg to remind our numerous Customers that their Orders for ICE CREAM must be placed 24 hours before delivery is required. [1963]

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[1899]

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THE Property consists of First ALL THAT piece or parcel of ground situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong and registered in the Land Office as SECTION 4 of INLAND LOT No. 2166 together with the messuages erections or buildings thereon now known as No. 13, Wing Hing Street and Secondly ALL THAT strip of land at the rear of the said Section 4 of Inland Lot No. 2166 being a scavenging lane. All of which premises are held for the residue of the term of 75 years from the 15th day of May, 1916, created by the Crown Lease thereof, together with the valuable machinery now situate in or upon the said premises and at No. 1 Gordon Street. Particulars and Conditions of sale may be obtained from Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS, Solicitors, 8, Des Voeux Road Central, and Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS, Auctioneers. [1897]

## THE CORONET.

2.30, 5 P.M., 7 & 9.15 P.M.

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## THY SOUL

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## DEATH.

On December 29th, PATRICK McCAVE, a deeply loved elder son of Cecil Robert and Ivy McCaVE, aged 64 years. Funeral will pass the Monument to-day, at 5 p.m. [2011]

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VOUEX RD., C. LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 30TH, 1922.

## THE MUI TSAI PROBLEM.

By setting up a defence of the Mui Tsai system when introducing the Bill for its abolition in the Legislative Council on Thursday, the ATTORNEY-GENERAL can hardly be said to have shown that full sympathy with the object of the Bill with which some of our contemporaries, with an alacrity surprising in view of their past apathy, attributed to the Government upon the publication of the Bill which has been drafted "on instructions from the Secretary of State." The attitude of the local Government towards the public agitation for the abolition of the mui tsai system in this Colony is perfectly well-known to have been hostile to the proposal all along. Not since the days of Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY, forty years ago, has any Governor that we know of boldly declared to the Home Government that a system which involves traffic in human beings should be suppressed by law. They have invariably represented it as a wholly benevolent institution. British law, they said, does not and never has recognised slavery, never has in any way recognized "the control of the employers," but the Census shows that there are over 3,000 mui tsai in the Colony, and we suppose it is safe to say that practically every one of these girls has been sold into bondage. It is futile to talk of the law not sanctioning slavery when it so widely prevails. It may be that much of the criticism at

home regarding the system has been, as the ATTORNEY-GENERAL says, "confused, ignorant and unsympathetic," but the salient feature of the system, that it is based upon sale and purchase of human beings, suffices at once to ensure its condemnation in the eyes of all Western people. It is not surprising that the persistent agitation for the abolition of the system which has been vigorously carried on at home during the past few years should have perplexed the Secretary of State for the Colonies and led him to doubt the correctness of the traditional Colonial Office view of the question. It was in February last that Mr. CHURCHILL asked for a cessation of the bombardment of questions in the House of Commons on the subject, while he entered into correspondence with the Governor, "as he was not entirely satisfied with the gist of the questions and answers in the House of Commons." This confusion of perplexity by the Secretary of State for the Colonies was received in the House with cheers, as being the first step towards conversion, which was complete in the following month when Mr. CHURCHILL announced the decision to abolish the system in Hongkong, and said he expected the change to be carried out within a year. The Bill now before the Council represents the fulfilment of that promise. No doubt Mr. CHURCHILL's decision was greatly influenced by the formation of an influential Chinese Society in Hongkong which condemns the system and advocates its abolition, as well as by the further fact that the Chinese Government at Canton had come to a decision to abolish the system, and appointed a Judicial Commission to draft regulations to be applied when abolition was formally decreed. Whether anything has been done in the matter at Canton since the Government was changed we do not know, but the formation of the Anti-Mui Tsai Association in Hongkong, which quickly had a membership of over a thousand, and the decision of the Canton Government represented an expression of Chinese opinion on the alleged benevolence of the institution which no Secretary of State responsible for the good government of the Colony of Hongkong could ignore. It was enough to settle any lingering doubts he may have had on the subject, and it should be enough to satisfy the local Government, and the public generally that the custom is not the wholly benevolent institution it has so often been represented to be. No one disputes the fact that in many homes these girls are treated kindly and even with affection. Such was the case also with many negroes in America when slavery was a recognised institution, and indeed, there were many estimable gentlemen who defended the slavery system in America in much the same way that our worthy Attorney-General on Thursday attempted a defence of the Mui Tsai system. But the ATTORNEY-GENERAL frankly admitted that "the system does lend itself to abuse and grave abuse, in the hands of evil and unscrupulous persons," and the Secretary of State has seen fit to order its abolition. When the Bill is passed into law it will be for all who value the British connection to see that the law is duly observed in the Colony.

The China Light and Power Co. (1918), Ltd. is making a call of \$2.50 per share.

The Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., gives six months' notice of the redemption of 1,257 debentures.

Copies of the artistic programmes issued by the A.D.C. in connection with its production of "The Tempest" may be obtained at Moutrie's, price 50 cents—Advt.

Mr. John Fleming has been authorised to sign the name of Messrs. Lowe, Binham & Matthews, as a partner in the firm in Hongkong.

Yesterday's Command Orders contain extracts from the London Gazette, announcing that Major T. O. Lawes, R.E.A., retired on half-pay from October 22nd and Lieut-Col. and Staff Paymaster A. Delacombe, D.S.O., having attained the age fixed for compulsory retirement, was placed on retired pay from November 18th.

To raise funds for the provincial highway, the Government at Canton will most likely order a surtax on salt, in spite of disapproval of the salt commissioner. To expedite the construction of the highway, every district magistrate will be instructed to see that at least sixty li of roads are built in the larger and thirty li in the smaller districts every year.—Canton Times.

## FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH BRUTER'S AGENCY.]

## BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE RECONSTRUCTION.

PARIS, December 28th.  
The Senate committee has decided by 10 votes to 5 in favour of reconstructing the Banque Industrielle de Chine.

## THE QUESTION OF FRANCE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

LATHE.  
It was only Premier Poincare's insistence on the urgency of the passage of the Bill, in the interests of French prestige, in the Far East, which secured a vote to-day.

The Reporter, M. Jeanneney, declared it to be premature to report the Bill to the Senate as the particulars available were still incomplete. He resigned, on the Committee deciding in favour of an immediate vote. M. Reynald was thereupon appointed Reporter. Premier Poincare emphasized that the Government's responsibility would on no account exceed the portion of the Boxer Indemnity devoted to the purposes of the Bill.

## NO FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS ON GOLD DOLLAR BONDS.

The Gold Dollar Bonds which are to be delivered to the Bank's Far Eastern creditors would not bear the Government's signature, and France had contracted no financial obligations thereon. The procedure was simply an assignment of credit, under which the French Government did not guarantee the debtor's solvency, but the Government insisted that all the Bank's shares should be paid up. This was a *sine qua non* for the Franco-Chinese Agreement.

## THE PROTECTION OF SMALL CHINESE CREDITORS.

In reply to questions Premier Poincare said that the protection of the interests of small Chinese creditors of the Bank would be entrusted to French Agents and Consuls.

The matter of the development of Franco-Chinese educational and charitable institutions, to which the balance of France's share of the Boxer Indemnity would be devoted, would be subject to an agreement between the two Governments. France hoped that a joint control would be arranged.

## SIR E. MACLEAY LEAVES LONDON FOR PEKING.

LONDON, December 28th.  
Sir Ronald and Lady Macleay, accompanied by Mr. Eric Alden, have left for Peking.

## CHINESE FIVE PER CENT. CUSTOMS DUTIES.

EFFECTIVE ABOUT MIDDLE OF MARCH.

PEKING, December 28th.  
The Chinese state officially that the Italian Legation has agreed that the Austrian ships question be arbitrated on under the auspices of the League of Nations. Approval from Rome is expected daily. This entirely separates the ed ship's tariff questions, and the Chinese expect Italian approval of the matter within a few days, which will allow the application of effective five per cent. customs duties about the middle of January.

## NEW CHINESE POSTAL AND POSTAL RATES.

TO BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

PEKING, December 28th.  
The Cabinet yesterday resolved to suspend temporarily the new telegraph and postal rates, and instructed the Ministry of Communications accordingly, but the new rates must be applied until the Ministry takes the necessary action.

## CHINESE PREMIER ELECTED.

BIG MAJORITY IN THE SENATE.

PEKING, December 28th.  
Wang Feng Chu presided at a meeting of the Senate this afternoon, at which one hundred and ninety members were present. The voting resulted in one hundred and seventy-three in favour of Chang Shou Tseng's Premiership and fourteen against. Three votes were irregular.  
President Li Yuan Heng's Secretary, Jao Han Hsiang, recounted Chang Shou Tseng's record which was loudly applauded.

## WESTERN WORKS OF ART.

PURCHASED BY JAPANESE SHIPBUILDER.

PARIS, December 28th.  
The well-known Japanese shipbuilder, Mr. Kojiro Matsuoka, has purchased many valuable works of art, including paintings by Manet, Claude Monet and Carriere, and sculptures by Rodin, for the gallery of modern Western art he has established near Tokyo.

Mr. S. E. Green, of No. 1, Orient Buildings, Kowloon, has reported to the Police that between one and six o'clock on the morning of the 28th, his room was entered by a burglar, who gained an entrance by climbing up the water spout on to the verandah, and then opening the verandah door. Jewellery to the value of \$300 and a felt hat valued at \$35 were stolen.



## CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.  
(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

## THE ALLIED PREMIERS' CONFERENCE.

## ITALIAN PREMIER NOT TO BE PRESENT.

Rome, December 28th.  
Signor Mussolini (Premier of Italy) has decided to carry into effect his previously hinted threat not to go to the Paris Conference of Premiers. He has now informed the Cabinet that the international situation renders his presence in Italy necessary, and there has not been sufficient diplomatic preparation to justify the hope of a rapid agreement being reached at the Paris Conference.

## ITALY TO BE REPRESENTED BY AMBASSADORS.

Rome, December 28th.  
Although Premier Mussolini will not attend the Paris Conference, Italy will be represented by the Italian Ambassadors in London and Paris and the Reparation Commissioners.

## INDIAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

## CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL REJECTED.

Gaya, December 28th.  
After a debate lasting eight hours, the National Congress Subjects Committee by 203 votes to 85, passed a resolution rejecting the proposal of Mr. Das (Chairman) to enter the Legislative Councils.  
An amendment, to contest the elections and not to take the oath of allegiance was rejected by 167 votes to 105.  
The Congress will finally decide on the foregoing resolution to-morrow.

## FRENCH REPAYMENTS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Paris, December 28th.  
In a speech in the Chamber of Deputies, the Minister of Finance said that repayments effected abroad included £13,750,000 to Great Britain £13,750,000 to Japan and \$13,400,000 to the United States.

## CHRISTMAS PARCELS FROM HOME.

London, December 28th.  
The Post Office statistics show that 19,320 Christmas parcels were sent to India and Ceylon, compared with 19,000 last year. To China and the Straits Settlements were sent 13,584, compared with 7,982 last year and to Japan 1,138 as against 1,084 last year.

## HOME FOOTBALL.

London, December 28th.  
In a first division league match played on Wednesday West Bromwich Albion defeated Stoke by 3 goals to nil.

## THE CAIRO ASSASSINATION

## MARTIAL LAW TO CONTINUE.

Cairo, December 28th.  
Field-Marshal Sir E. Allenby (High Commissioner) will fix the compensation promised by the Egyptian Government for Mrs. Robson. He declares that there will be no question of the abolition of martial law while the attacks continue and insists on the reinforcement of the civil police. He states that British cavalry must again patrol Cairo.

The Premier, on behalf of the Government and people, has forwarded a letter to Field-Marshal Allenby expressing horror at the murder and conveying the Egyptian Government's regret to the British Government.

## EARLIER CABLES.

## BRITISH COMMUNITY INDIGNANT.

Cairo, December 28th.  
Two American tourists picked up Mr. Robson, who was still living, but unconscious. He died en route to hospital. He had five bullet wounds in the body. Two kinds of bullets were extracted, showing that more than one assailant fired at him. It is reported that the murderers escaped in a waiting motor-car.

The British community is most indignant at the murder. Field-Marshal Allenby has most energetically made representations to the Egyptian Government.

LATEST CABLES.  
PAN-RUSSIAN SOVIET CONGRESS.

## ONLY TWENTY-THREE CONCESSIONS RATIFIED.

Reval, December 28th.  
Kamenoff said that only twenty-three out of five hundred proposals relative to concessions and the creation of mixed companies had, up to the present, been ratified, the most important being the proposal to create a mixed import and export company with the participation of German capitalists, headed by Herr Otto Wolf.

M. Bogdanov, Chairman of the Supreme Economic Council, stated that an undeniable tendency towards recovery could be observed in all branches of industry. The output of coal was equal to thirty-five per cent. of the pre-war output and oil was equal to fifty per cent.

## EARLIER CABLES.

## PROPOSED UNION OF SOVIET REPUBLICS.

Reval, December 28th.  
A message from Moscow states that, replacing Lenin, who is ill, Kamenoff, addressing the opening of the tenth Pan-Russian Soviet Congress, stated that the Government would henceforth make no concessions to foreign Powers and would withdraw those suggested at the conferences at Geneva and the Hague. The period when they were forced to make big concessions had ended. He added, "We saw after the Geneva conference that Europe cannot get along without us, even if we don't pay our debts."

He termed the Lausanne Conference simply an Anglo-Russian duel. "The Russians knew the Turks were ready to make big concessions, and the Russian wouldn't, but they would support Turkey as long as she was fighting imperialism."  
The Congress, which was attended by two thousand delegates, including four hundred from the republics of the Ukraine, White Russia, the Far East, and the Caucasus, first considered the question of a union of all the Soviet Republics.

## DEADLOCK AT LAUSANNE.

## PLAIN SPEAKING BY ALLIED DELEGATES.

Lausanne, December 28th.  
The number two commission, whose sub-commission after three weeks' work on the subject of the Capitulations has found it impossible to come to terms with the Turks, assembled in full session to-day under the presidency of Signor Garioni and sat for three hours, one of the longest sittings of the conference. It was characterised by much plain speaking on the part of the Allies, also a strong protest by the American representative, Mr. Child. Ismet Pasha in a long, irrefragable speech, described the proposed guarantees as worse than the Capitulations. The Allied spokesman warned him that Turkey could not return to the fourteenth century. Towards the end of the sitting, which adjourned, Ismet promised to consider what had been said.

## THE SANCTITY OF OBLIGATIONS.

In the course of the discussion Mr. Child emphasised the sanctity of obligations, and declared that Turkey's obligations to America could only be cancelled by repudiation. He stated that the protection due to foreigners could not be withdrawn without obvious injustice. America sympathised with Turkish sovereignty, and hoped it would progress, but sovereignty implied duties in the highest sense.

## WARNINGS TO TURKEY.

Baron Hayashi (Japan) said he regretted Ismet's attitude, and stated that the Allied scheme had been drawn up with special regard to Turkish susceptibilities, and asked the Turks to follow Japan's example regarding the Capitulations. Lord Curzon in measured phrases asked how peace could be accomplished by a speech like Ismet's and declared that M. Barre's weighty warning, Baron Hayashi's solemn appeal, and Mr. Child's statement, would impress the world, and when they compared Ismet's speech with these, who could doubt the verdict?

Lord Curzon dwelt at some length on the defects of the Turkish judiciary and police, and warned Turkey of the effect her present attitude would have on her foreign trade. He concluded by hoping that Ismet had not said his last word, otherwise it would be useless to proceed with the conference. He urged them not to disregard the serious speeches, which contained neither menace nor supplication.

## BRITISH WARSHIPS FOR CONSTANTINOPLE.

Malta, December 28th.  
Warships are hastily re-provisioning in consequence of an "unexpected order" to prepare to leave immediately. The Iron Duke, Marlborough, Ajax and Concord and also the destroyers, have cancelled previous engagements and are preparing to depart this afternoon.

The light cruiser Concord and five destroyers have left for Constantinople. The Iron Duke, with Vice-Admiral Brock on board, will be leaving this evening.

GERMANY'S DEFAULT.  
AN INSIGNIFICANT ISSUE.

London, December 28th.  
Political circles in London are not inclined to take a tragic view of the Reparation Commission's decision under which France has established her right to set separately under an ambiguously worded clause of the Peace Treaty. The newspapers hope she will not exercise the right, thereby prejudicing the outcome of the Premier's Conference, but are of opinion that this will be unlikely in view of the insignificance of the issue, since only a hundred thousand sterling is involved in Germany's timber default; moreover, the Reparation Commission in June laid down the point that in the event of default in deliveries Germany should lose credit even for the deliveries actually made, thus barring even economic penalties.

Most papers share the view of the *Manchester Guardian*, which declares that the French Government's actions are in the nature of manoeuvring for position in view of the forthcoming conference, in order to strengthen M. Poincaré's hand by furnishing a sanction for separate action on the part of France on bigger issues.

## EXCITEMENT IN GERMANY ABATES.

Berlin, November 28th.  
The excitement aroused in the Press by the Reparation Commission's action relative to the arrears in the timber deliveries has been considerably abated by a Government statement explaining the causes of the delay. The statement says the Government had requested an extension of the delivery term until April 1st.

## AMERICA AND EUROPE.

## SENATOR BORAH'S EMBARRASSING AMENDMENT.

Washington, December 28th.  
In a letter to Senator Lodge, President Harding asks the Senate not to adopt Mr. Borah's amendment, mentioned yesterday, because it would embarrass him in the negotiations he is already conducting for an international economic conference.

He states that the Administration is trying to be helpful in the European situation, which has been given most thorough and thoughtful consideration for many months, and suggests that Congress should assist by freeing the hands of the Debt Funding Commission. He adds that the question of reparations is the foundation of the European difficulties, and the United States could not presume to say to one nation what it shall pay in reparations nor to another what it shall accept.

Regarding further disarmament negotiations, President Harding indicates that the promise made in this connection can hardly be fulfilled until the nations directly concerned express their readiness to co-operate.

In the course of the debate following the reading of President Harding's letter in the Senate, Senator Lodge declared he could not state explicitly the nature of the President's negotiations, but they did not include debt cancellation. The President, however, was inclined to favour a longer period for amortisation and interest payments. Mr. McNary, Republican member of the Farmer's Bloc, supported Senator Borah's resolution, and opposed the policy of isolation. Senator Borah said the Administration's plan was in effect to cancel foreign debts through postponement of payment of interest and principal.

The Senate passed without debate a Democratic resolution expressing gratification at ex-President Wilson's recovery of his health.

## WOMEN WORKERS IN AMERICA.

## FROM STREET-CLEANERS TO JUDGESHIPS.

New York, December 28th.  
The new American year book, "Women of 1932," shows that eight and a half million women are working in the United States. Out of 47 occupations reviewed, only 33 do not employ women's recruits. Women's occupations range from street-cleaning to judgeships.

## SOUTH AFRICA DEFEATS M.O.C.

## RECORD GATE RECEIPTS.

Johannesburg, December 28th.  
The weather was dull on the resumption of the M.O.C. v. South Africa match. There were 4,000 present. The wicket was good. England scored 218, Nupen taking 7 wickets for 63 and Blackhearnberg 3 for 68. The M.O.C. were in altogether 238 minutes. There was great enthusiasm for the finish. Prince Arthur of Connaught personally congratulated each of the South Africans. The gate receipts were a record. The South African bowling was excellent.

Mann, the M.O.C. captain, interviewed by Reuter, said he thought the best side had won. Their opponents played better cricket. Taylor's innings was magnificent, and won the match. The South Africans batted well and fielded extraordinarily well. They were always triers.

## OBITUARY.

## WILLIAM A. HORN.

London, December 28th.  
The death is announced of William Austin Horn, who was engaged for half a century in developing parts of Australia, Papua, Malaya, India, and Ceylon.

## MARGARET COOPER.

London, December 28th.  
The death has occurred of the enterprising, Margaret Cooper.

CHINESE AND FREE-MASONRY.  
A BLUE LODGE.

The Chinese Chargé d'Affaires in London, Mr. Chao-Hsin Chu, was a guest at a Masonic Dinner, given by the London County and Westminster Bank Lodge, on November 18th. In the course of his remarks in responding for the Guests, Mr. Chu said:—

"When I was in America, the American brethren were very kind and courteous to me, so that I was always admitted without examination, being vouched for by a Past Master of the Lodge. Fortunately, Brother Briscoe introduced me here this evening and vouched for my admission. If you tell an outsider that you admitted a foreigner to your secret meeting and called a Chinaman your brother, he would not believe it. It is a wonderful way of 'mixing up' in our masonic functions. I belong to a Blue Lodge in Peking called the International Lodge, under American jurisdiction. I was raised to the 32nd degree at the Scottish Rite at Shanghai, also under American jurisdiction. When I was Consul-General in San Francisco, 1913, I joined the Islam Temple as a shrine. When you travel in America you find every shrine wears a badge or watch charm, to signify that he is a shrine. You can easily get acquainted with anyone who belongs to the same order. When I was travelling in the United States I used to cash personal cheques at a bank where I was not known personally, but after I talked a few minutes with the cashier or the manager, whom I found was a Freemason, when he recognised me as his brother, my personal cheques were immediately accepted without hesitation. This is the value of being a Freemason, and I am very proud of being one myself. Freemasonry was not founded in China, only the foreigners, particularly the British and Americans, started some Blue Lodges in different cities. But, of course, some Chinese secret societies have signs and symbols about the same idea, but they are of a different order entirely. The idea of fraternity, however, was included in the teaching of Confucius, who says: 'Within the four seas all are brethren.' This fraternal doctrine has been interpreted by his followers. I can give you two interpretations; for example, one says: 'All the races should be regarded as from the same mother,' and the other says, 'The world as a whole should be regarded as a family, and all people in the same country should be regarded as one person.' The proposer of the toast to the visitors just said that I am a friend of England. I cheerfully admit I am a friend of England. When I was in America, I was called a pro-American. Indeed, I was satisfied myself as possessing a 100 per cent. pro-Americanism. Now I am also satisfied as being myself a 100 per cent. pro-English."

## RHODESIA CHOOSES SELF-GOVERNMENT.

The following is the result of the Referendum which was held on October 27th to decide whether Southern Rhodesia should join the Union or become a self-governing Colony:—  
For Responsible Government ..... 8,774  
For Incorporation in the Union of South Africa ..... 5,989

Majority for Responsible Government ..... 2,785

The electorate numbered over 18,000 and included a large number of women and a few natives. It will be seen that the total vote recorded (excluding any spoiled papers) was 14,763.

The Rhodesians had had before them since January last the terms on which they could receive self-government; the terms offered by the Union of South Africa were made public on August 1st. It is anticipated that arrangements will be made for the British South Africa Company to hand over the administration of the country in March next.

The case in which a house boy, employed in a Japanese Mess, is charged with posting a notice in Bowen Road, near the Military Hospital, without the permission of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, was again mentioned in Court, yesterday. The house-boy, who had been allowed out on bail of \$10, failed to put in an appearance and the Magistrate (Mr. Lindell) ordered his bail to be forfeited. The notice was in Chinese and purported to bear the signature of the Chief Commander of Sun Yat-sen's Southern Division Army. It took the form of a proclamation to the Chinese troops to the effect that anybody who was found interfering with the business of law-abiding people would be severely dealt with. Dr. Sun Yat-sen was described in the notice as the President of China.

MEXICAN OIL CONCESSIONS.  
LEGISLATION HELD OVER.

Mexico City, December 28th.  
The Mexican Congress will adjourn sine die on December 30th. The party leaders have agreed that it will be impossible before the end of the session to deal with the remedial oil legislation now before the committee of the Congress.

President Obregon will probably call an extra session in April to pass the oil law. Mr. J. L. O'Connor, the president of the American and Foreign Oil Corporation, which claims the right to exploit the Federal oil lands concessions granted by President Obregon, has left for New York en route to London in order to complete financial details. According to *El Universal*, Mr. O'Connor stated that the Corporation was largely formed of European capital, principally French.

THE BOXER INDEMNITY.  
PROPAGANDA IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The Chinese Student, which is not merely the official organ of the Edinburgh University Chinese Students' Union, but also represents the Central Union of Chinese Students and the Overseas Chinese Society, had as one of its principal features in the November issue an article on Great Britain and the Boxer Indemnity. It says:—

"The Indemnities demanded of China after the Boxer rising were far in excess of the actual cost of the allied expeditionary force employed, and of the damage done to foreign property. This, coupled with the intense humiliation which the nation suffered, has rankled deeply in Chinese hearts. In short, the punishment meted out to us more than fitted the crime."

"America long ago recognised the unfairness of the penalty imposed on China, and made amends by returning the unexpended portion of her share of the indemnity, without imposing any reservations. China returned the compliment and employed the gift in sending her young sons to study in American colleges and universities. The American action at once received the grateful acknowledgment of the Chinese people, and had a wonderful effect in promoting good relations between the two countries. China looks to Britain to do no less than America. Apart from moral grounds, the part she took in the recent war should entitle her to some consideration in this respect. She supplied the Allies with labourers and provisions, and her nationals in the British Crown Colonies loyally supported the British cause with both treasure and service—even at the time when the Allied prospects were none too rosy. Besides this, she interned all enemy subjects, impounded their ships, prevented their submarines from obtaining bases on her shores, and acted as an effective barrier against the spread of Bolshevism eastwards, south, India, and perhaps worldwide. She received scant support at Versailles, and was compelled to withhold her signature to the treaty there drawn up, and only after Washington, through the good offices of America, were some of the promises given to her made good."

"It is recognised by us that so long as high taxation and unemployment prevail in this country, it is extremely difficult for the Government to entertain the above proposal. Nevertheless, the immediate sacrifice to the British National Exchequer would soon be completely justified by the improvement of trade, and the creation of employment over here to supply Chinese wants."

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## EXPOSITION OF BODY OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER.

## SOLEMN CEREMONY AT NOVA GOA.

Nova Goa, December 28th.

The town was full of pilgrims and full of colour on Saturday evening when the Church of Bom Jesus was the scene of great solemnities preliminary to the exposition of the body of St. Francis Xavier. The Delegate Apostolic, Monsignor Pisani, the Patriarch and other high ecclesiastical dignitaries who had come here from all parts of India proceeded to the church in solemn procession to the strains of music provided by the military band. The church was already full with a large and distinguished congregation among whom were the Portuguese Governor-General, Brazilian and other Consular representatives and Catholic priests. Full vesters were said by the Apostolic Delegate. The choir, organ and orchestra provided music during the ceremony. On the conclusion of vespers the body of the Saint was borne down to the sacristy covered over with a silken pall. Here some more solemn ceremonies were performed. The beautiful silver coffin was opened and the face of the Saint was exposed to a select gathering of dignitaries. This concluded Saturday's ceremonies. The public exposition took place this morning—Sunday—after twelve years. Testifying to the zeal and devotion of Catholics and the miraculous healing powers associated with the name of Francis Xavier, thousands of pilgrims had already arrived here. Among them were to be found men of all nationalities and faiths. Many of them had come from distant parts of the world at great sacrifices, imbeciles or those suffering from incurable diseases who came with the hope of being cured by touching the Saint.

Early on Sunday morning long before the appointed hour huge crowds had gathered near the church of Bom Jesus. A large procession headed by the Patriarch, the Apostolic Delegate, Bishops and other Catholic church dignitaries followed by a large concourse of devotees singing the Litany moved from the cathedral to the church. From the sacristy the procession wended its way to the church proper, the Patriarch and Bishops bearing the body of the Saint on a bier which was deposited in a silver receptacle placed on a raised platform.

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PRINCE AND LAWYERS.  
"GRAND DAY" BANQUET.

WOMEN COUNSEL PRESENT.

Warned in the quaint old-fashioned way by the blowing of a horn that the dinner hour was near, Benchers, members, and students of Middle Temple flocked on November 28th to the "Grand Day" banquet in the fine old hall. Their particularly eager response was due to the circumstance that the Prince of Wales, a Benchers of the Inn, was to be present. This was the second time his loyal highness had dined in Hall, the first being when, in July, 1919, he became a student, a member of the Bar, and a Benchers in one short evening.

His visit last night was made entirely in his capacity as Benchers, and in order to fraternise with the other rulers of the House and the members generally. He was accompanied by an equerry only (Captain the Hon. Piers Legh); he dined sitting at the head table on the dais at the right hand of the Treasurer, Sir Forrest Fulton, K.C., and in evidence of the lack of formality there was no place in the programme for speeches. The ordinary "Grand Day" dinner was served, with one extra course and a little extra allowance of wine, and the silver loving cups, with contents concocted from a secret, mysterious recipe, were passed along the tables in pledge of unity and friendship.

Time has wrought some changes not only in the banquet, but in many details of Middle Temple management in the last 20 years, although the spirit of the occasion, particular assemblies remain unchanged. Frivoly is now the rule, but years ago there were public celebrations in the Inns at Christmas time. No doubt it was a laudable design, but they had at last to be abandoned because "certain liberties, abusing the indulgence of the Bench, turned the innocent diversions of these festivals into Chinese and enormous abuses," which obliged the Master of the Bench to forbid their continuance. Evidently there was ample reason for some of the stringent orders that were made in those stormy days to secure propriety within the precincts. The Cook who bought the meat for instance, was strictly directed to see that "no more was charged for than was really spent." The Porter who blew the horn, and brought in the pepper and vinegar and mustard, napkins, spoons, and glasses, was bidden to keep a vigilant eye on the provisions, and "suffer no loose person at the Cellar, Kitchen, buttery." The Steward who collected the money for commons was to "see that he got it"—a necessary vigilance clearly, because generally between four and five hundred pounds remained in arrears to the House for Commons' Eaten."

The servants were not ungenerously treated in those days. Their perquisites were substantial and appetising. The Chief Butler could claim "the chips of all the Bread us'd in the Hall, and formerly had also the waste drink dripping of the taps and broken drink in the Cellar"—fortunate Chief Butler! The Chief Bench Butler, once called the Chief Washpot, who looked after the wines, could appropriate "not tap dripping, but every third tooth whole bottle to himself." Curiously, second-hand empty bottles are sometimes referred to as "dead man," he was also one of the "bearers of dead corpses." That sobriety was the forte of this many-sided man is plainly shown by his ultimate entreatment with the regulation of the clocks. Chief Porter, Second Butler, Barr Butler, Pumpsy Butler, Under Cook, and so on and on, all had their pickings to sweeten service in the Temple.

Gone now for many a year have been some of these offices and some of the amenities attaching to them, but the dinners are still famous for their adherence to old customs and ceremonies. The Prince of Wales, before entering the Dining Hall, met the "Parliament" in private. He then proceeded with the rest to the dais, preceded by a venerable official wearing a red purple gown and carrying a silver mace. Immediately behind him came a heroic equestrian picture of Charles I. and many other portraits, while around him were waistcoated walls bearing the painted arms of hundreds of past Treasurers and Readers, and above these electric flambeaux, figures in ancient armour, and trophies of ancient arms. The Antients—senior members of the Inn—sat together at a table in front of the dais, and next to them, at a table in the very centre of the Hall, were twelve women barristers and students. Never before had ladies graced one of these banquets by their presence. At one long side table were King's Counsel, and at another, opposite, members of the Junior Bar. There had been a ballot for places of all who were not Benchers, and keen anxiety to be present. Grace was said by the Master of the Temple.

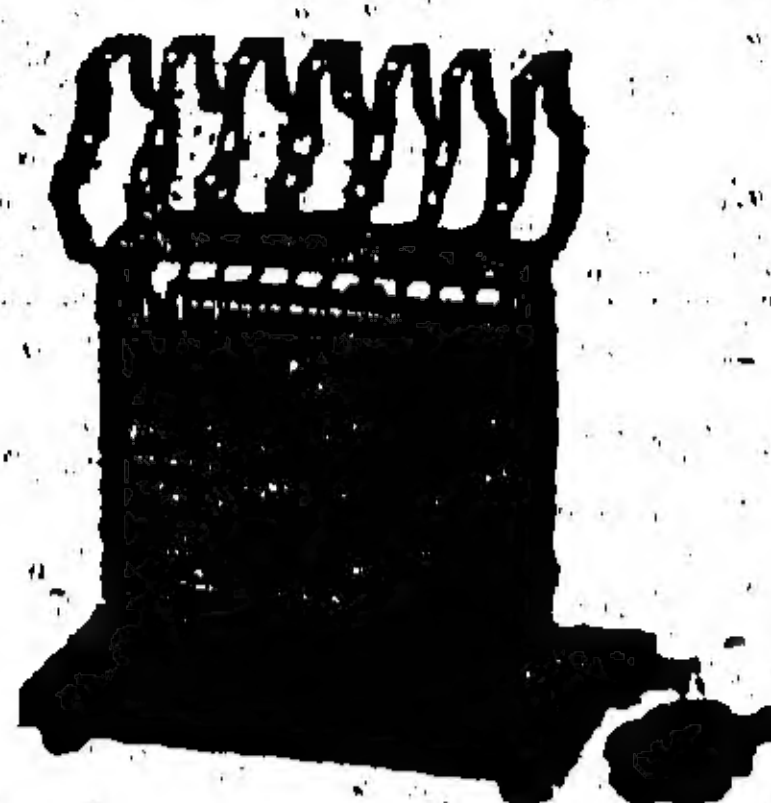
A few of the sixty odd Benchers were absent, for different reasons—the Earl of Reading and General Smuts because they are in distant parts.

The Canton Government, the Canton Times says, may be able to pay the Chinese New Year, without being greatly embarrassed financially, according to report published. The Government is in need of a little more than \$2,000,000 to pay off the troops before the Chinese New Year. It may be able to get in advance some \$1,000,000 from land crops tax; \$600,000 to \$700,000 from loans given by pawn-shops; \$150,000 from "skin"; and \$250,000 from sale of public lands.

High Mass was then offered after which the Rector of the Seminary of Rochel delivered an impressive address on the life and work of St. Francis Xavier. These ceremonies over, the public exposition was declared, and people rushed to catch a glimpse of the revered Saint who died centuries ago and whose body was in the same state of preservation. Long rows of devotees reverentially passed by it all day. Among the devotees were many Hindus, who hold the Saint in reverence and were accorded equal privileges with the Catholic pilgrims. Accommodation and other facilities for the pilgrimage are being greatly taxed owing to the unnumbered number of pilgrims—and the organisers of the All-India Catholic Conference are preparing additional accommodation and offering all sorts of assistance to the pilgrims.



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## UNREQUITED LOVE.

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TION OF HUMAN NATURE"

There were revelations of a dramatic character at the inquest at the Westminster Coroner's Court, on November 7th, on the victims of the shooting tragedy at Messrs. H. S. King and Co.'s Bank, Pall-mall, on Saturday. The deceased were Lindsay Lindsey, 32, a cashier at the bank, and Archibald Harold Charles Grey, 31, a clerk in the same office. The man had been rivals for the affections of Miss Edith Ferguson, an 18-year-old typist at the bank, and the cashier, whose advances had been rejected, seized a favourable opportunity while Grey was in the basement of the bank to shoot him dead with an automatic pistol, afterwards turning the weapon upon himself. Police evidence showed that since Miss Ferguson had refused to have anything to do with the older man he had proceeded to squander his private fortune in debauchery in the West-end at night, while continuing his daily duty at the bank. The full measure of his moral downfall was revealed in an extraordinary statement which was found on his body after the tragedy, in an envelope addressed to the coroner. This letter—"one of the most remarkable self-revelations of human nature ever made in a coroner's court," said Dr. Cowburn, the deputy coroner—ran into many sheets, and was written by Lindsey over a considerable period, after he had once determined to take his rival's life.

## "EXQUISITE LOVELINESS."

Edith Mary Ferguson said she had been employed at the bank and had known Grey for three years next February. She had been on friendly terms with him since then. "It was my intention to become engaged to him when I was 20," she went on. "That was not known to the staff at the bank, though it was known to them that we were on friendly terms. We went everywhere together." The first I know of Lindsey was when I had to take shorthand from his dictation. Before then, on January 13th, 1921, she received a gold bracelet wrist-watch. A very small boy brought it to the bank in a packet.

The coroner read the letter which accompanied this watch, as follows:

"The sender of this little gift hopes it will be accepted without inquiry from whom it came. It is offered as a token of admiration for the exquisite loveliness of the wonderful girl to whom it is addressed."

She had no idea from whom the gift came.

The Coroner: Did you tell Grey that you had had this watch?—Yes, the same evening. I think he seemed to guess where it came from.

Witness said later Lindsey asked her again and again to go to the theatre with him, but when he found she did not want to have anything to do with him he told the superintendent of the Girls' Department that he did not want her to take his letters any more.

## "DEAR LITTLE LADY."

Miss Ferguson identified a letter which she received from Lindsey, who wrote to the effect that he did not like to ask her because Archie might overhear and try to murder him, but would she let him take her to one of the finest shows in town.

Witness said that she did not go to the theatre. Later, she went to lunch with him, and then he said that he was falling in love with her and asked her, if it could come to anything. He told her that Archie would never be any good to her because he had no money. "He knew from the beginning that I was sorry for him," said witness. Lindsey had never proposed to her in words, only in writing.

In February, 1921, she accepted Lindsey's invitation to go with him to a sacred concert at Croydon. He there asked her to his home for tea the next day, and she said she would if her brother could accompany her. The next morning she decided that it was best not to go, and wrote and told him so.

Miss Ferguson identified another letter from Lindsey dated May, 1921, as follows:

"Dear Little Lady—I am asking for a rebuff in writing this, but I am going away for three months and wish to offer an explanation of my conduct for the past week. I believe you have been willing to give me another chance to seek your company. I owe you a profound apology for not responding. I have been doubtful whether you would be really happy in my company. . . . It is pity that such a lovely creature as yourself should inspire depression in a man. I am afraid you have had rather a trying time about it, and I cannot say how sorry I am. . . . Your wishes will be respected, but I want you to know my feelings. You are, darling, the most charming girl I have ever met, and there is nothing in the world I would not do for you—Yours sincerely, LINSEY LINDSEY."

Shortly after, witness continued, Lindsey went on leave of absence, and returned about the end of August. She received another letter some time later, addressed "Dear little lady," which stated that he was very fond of her, and practically asked her to become engaged to him.

The Coroner: Did he ring you up after that letter came?—Yes.

And did you reply?—No. . . . Do you remember him speaking to you again in February, 1922?—Yes. That was the time he followed me down in the train to Croydon. I did not know he was on it until we got out of the station and he asked me if he could try to make my acquaintance again. I told him "No," it was impossible, and I asked him to promise on his honour that he would never interfere with Archie or me again.

And what did he say?—He said he would not interfere with him any more. May we take it from first to last you have rejected his advances?—Yes, but I have always been sorry for him.

The coroner asked witness if she was afraid of Lindsey. She hesitated for some moments at this question and replied, somewhat faltering, "I was not exactly. I was not afraid of him, but I don't suppose you understand."

What do you mean by that, Miss Ferguson?

Witness replied, "I was never quite certain what he meant. I never knew whether his professions of love were sincere."

You mistrusted him, is that right?—That is right.

Divisional Detective-inspector Charles Banner deposed to making inquiries about Lindsey, and said apparently since being disappointed in his love affairs he had led a "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" sort of existence, and had spent practically all his money. Since March of this year he had drawn over £1,000 from one bank. In the past he had been a good business man and quite respectable, and only recently had he given way to dissipation in the West-end.

The coroner addressed the jury and referred to the letter dated Oct. 24th, written by Lindsey to him. There were fifty-two pages in the letter. In it he said:

"The following is a brief account of the events leading up to the crime that will be committed by me shortly at 3, Pall-mall."

The letter went on to say that it was a story of two men and a girl, and the infrequent solution of the problem that arose from such a situation. He hungered for someone. . . . Miss Ferguson was a charming and pretty girl.

## "LIFE OF DEBAUCHERY."

"After a great deal more," continued the coroner, "indicating his feelings and views on all sorts of various topics which I do not think are relevant, he comes to 'that evening,' which was shortly before he left for his holiday in June, 1921."

"The evening I thought about the matter, and decided that I had better lay all my cards on the table and say all I had to say. I wrote another letter telling her it was my wish that she should be my wife. She did not reply. I had at this time started my holiday, and for a day or two I was on tenderhooks of suspense, hoping to hear from her. I telephoned asking her to come to lunch, but she refused. She politely told me that the answer to my letter was the word 'No.' I was seized with a feeling of great loneliness, and a craving for feminine company I had never felt before. Realise the position in which I found myself. I had leisure and money for a long period, no companion, and a keen desire for feminine company. I was shy and diffident at that time. I decided to go up West, meet a pretty girl of some sort or other under circumstances that would make an introduction easy, and take her away with me for the holiday. I do not offer any excuse for this, my first step in immoral life. I was simply crazy for the company of a girl—someone to love. Since then I have consorted with about thirty girls for longer or shorter periods."

"I returned to the office without the affection for the girl concerned having in the least abated. It is difficult for me to see her daily in the company of Grey, and the strain was rendered more difficult by his conduct in the matter. It is one of the strongest forces which has compelled me to kill him. I resolved that he should not have this beautiful girl, even if it cost my own life. This has been in my mind for many months, and I have decided it is the only way."

The coroner intimated that the letter concluded as follows:

"It seems to me that if one has failed to find love to continue to live in such circumstances is in a sense hypocrisy. I have been writing these pages for an hour or so for each night, and the time has come for me to draw them to a close. . . . I feel I have lost too much to carry on. I have lost my private fortune in dissipation. I have lost my self-respect. I am loath to leave this world I have found interesting and in many senses beautiful, but now I look upon it with very different eyes. There can be no sunshine or joy in a life without love."

The coroner, in the course of his summing up, spoke of the blameless character of Grey, and said the attraction between Grey and Miss Ferguson was one of the most honourable kind. Grey was shot from behind—a cowardly attack. Miss Ferguson, it seemed to him, had acted with perfect propriety throughout. Speaking of Lindsey, the coroner pointed out that there was a strong strain of insanity in the family, and he said it was undoubtedly true that Lindsey was of unbalanced mind.

After retiring for a few minutes the jury returned a verdict that Grey was wilfully murdered by Lindsey, and that Lindsey committed suicide while in full possession of his senses. "In other words," said the foreman, "felo de se."

The jury added a rider expressing sympathy with the relatives of Grey and also Miss Ferguson.

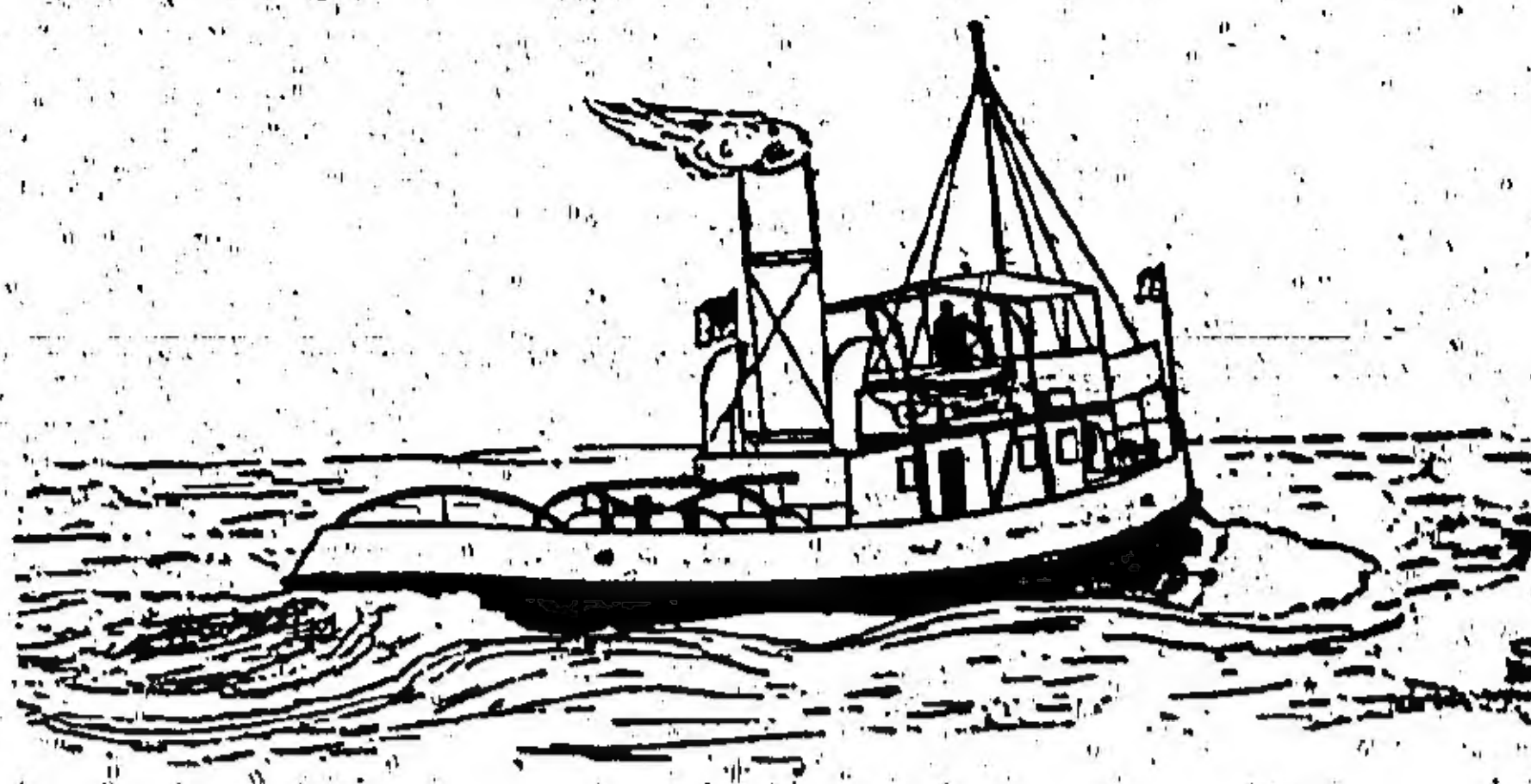
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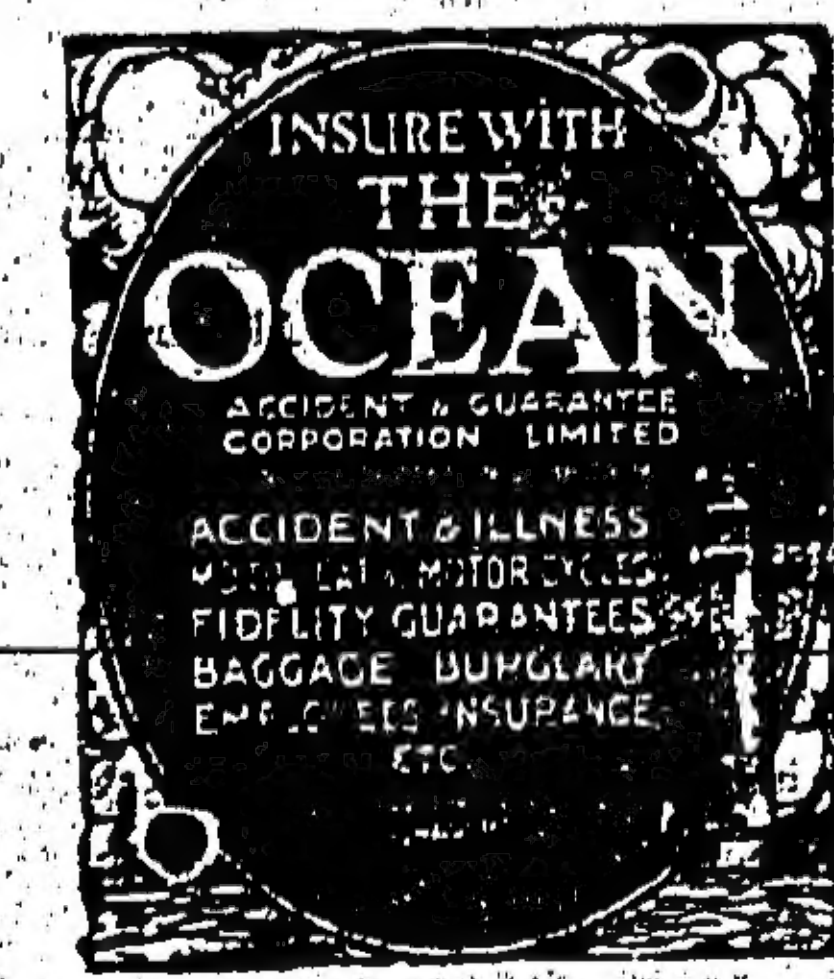
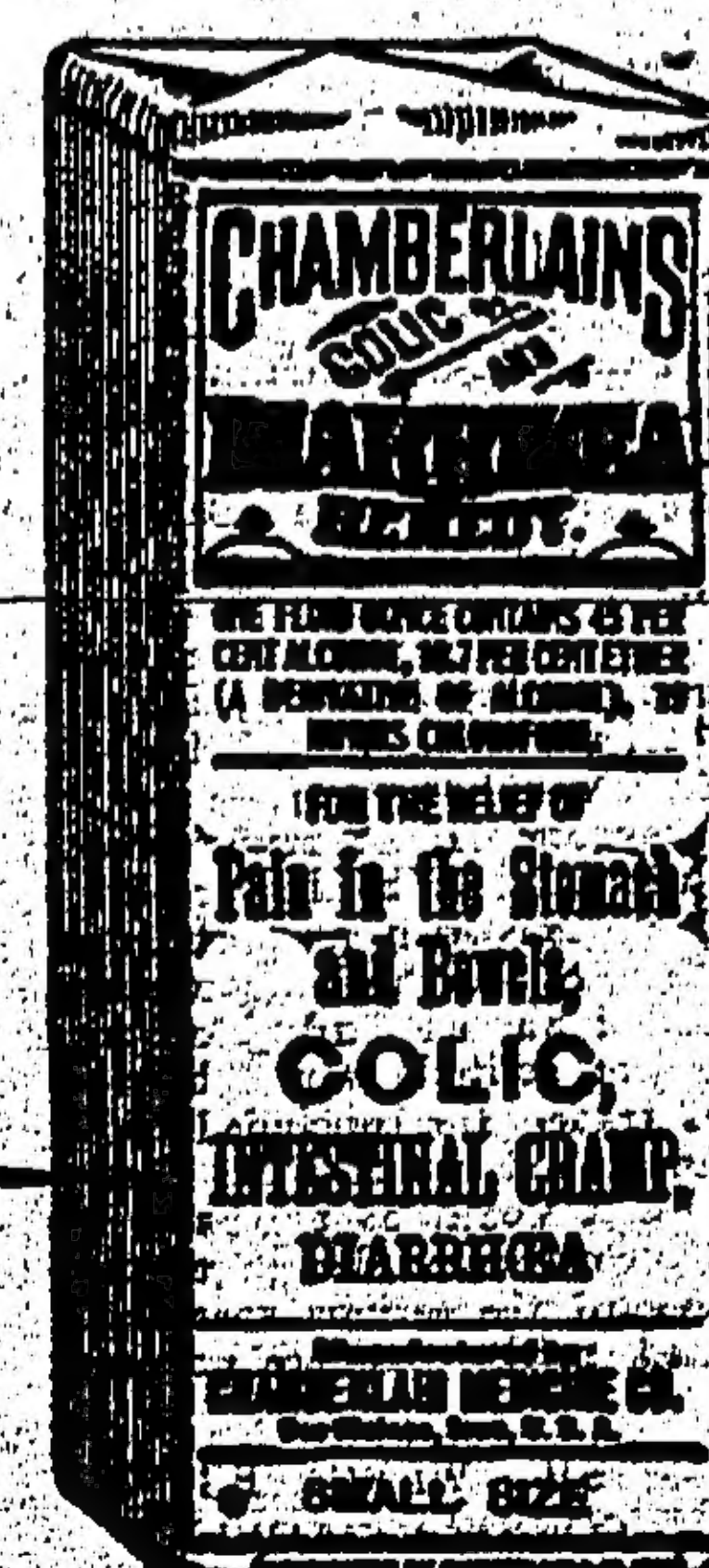
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"KASHGAR"	9,000	18th May	do.
"FYANZA"	7,000	30th May	do.
"NOVARA"	8,050	15th June	do.
"DELTA"	8,007	27th June	do.
"MALWA"	10,941	11th July	do.
"DEVANHA"	8,092	25th July	do.

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"JAPAN"	6,700	4th Jan., 2 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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